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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y 1

1885-Jany 12- To- Mrs. John H. Scofield, Budd's Lake, N. J.

When I think of that far off northern mission among the Chilcats of Alaska, the utter lonliness of which I realized last summer when I stood with the North Star directly over our heads, I now think those brightly colored petticoats you offer will be most acceptable to Mrs. E. S. Willard, our missionary there.

1885-Jany 19th To- Mrs. G. N. Luccock, Grand Junction, Iowa.

Probably you have received notice that the Synod of Iowa has appointed you as a member of the Woman's Synodical Committee to represent the Presbytery of Fort Dodge. Among the duties specified are those of superintending and stimulating the work for Home Missions that is done by the women of your churches. This does not mean that you are to disturb any efforts allready in progress for the good of the cause, but our experience has proved that few of our churches have women's missionary societies, and do not have even a woman's prayer meeting to plead for the interests of our country. We believe this appointment by Synod will be helpful authority for your service! If for some reason you cannot attend to this work, consult your pastor and find some woman to do it _in your name_. Such an arrangement can be made, but should be reported to the secretary of the Synodical Committee, and to your own presbytery. Your associate in the Presbytery of Fort Dodge is Miss De Wolf, Vail, Iowa. You may wish to consult each other as to methods and division of labor. We send sample packet of leaflets of which you may need more, also a copy of the "_Presbyterian Home Missionary_" that you may have already. The work is great, and includes the Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, Freedmen and "poor whites" in our land. It is hindered for lack of money. We need to enlist all women that our wonderful country may be delivered from evil, and be made a light to the whole world.

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Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, Jany 21st — To Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly, New Jersey.
A letter from Mrs Teunis S. Hamlin, Cincinnati, suggests that Carlisle Indian School pupils be invited again to sing at our Annual Meeting, and I want to add another suggestion: that we exhibit articles made by the pupils of our various schools. The idea seemed good when I saw at the National Teachers' Association at Madison, Wisconsin, last year an exhibit of articles, writing and drawing books from the Congregational Indian Mission Schools. That was a good object lesson.
I have just talked with Miss Lora Shields about such an exhibit and she thinks it would be an incentive for our teachers to aim at something definite.

1885, Jany 22 — To Miss F. A. Dyer, Headquarters, New York.
Have the synodical missionaries, such as Rev. T. C. Kirkwood and Rev. George W. Martin been requested to send a schedule of recommendations for work that should be undertaken on the mission field during the coming year? Itemized estimates as to probable amounts to be expended should be detailed as much as possible to present to our School Committee. Let us trust they will be guided wisely to take large views for the work during the coming year. If God provides work and workers we may be sure He will send the money as well.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Sec'y

1885 – Jan. 22 – To – Miss Elizabeth Boyd,

Our Committee has great interest in your work, as do some members of our Board of Home Missions who know something of it, but the present state of our treasury does not allow us to assume anything new. Let me advise that you make a beginning as you propose, making positive arrangements as to rents and salaries only to the end of the present school year. Then send to our office, either to me or Miss Dyer, as soon as you like, certainly in February next, a succinct statement of the opening and needs, also facts as to needs and what means you have at hand. This paper would be presented to the School Committee of our Board of Home Missions for consideration when similar facts regarding other needy parts of our country are put before them. At that meeting the Committee will make its decision as to the work to be undertaken during the coming fiscal year of our Board, April 1st, 1885 to April 1st, 1886, and the report of the decision will be presented to our Annual Meeting to be held at Cincinnati, May 29th.

Have you decided about what name to use rather than that of "Poor Whites". Though expressive, that is forlorn. As these people rise, as we trust they may, and expect they will under the Gospel influence, we do not want to hurt their feelings.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

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1885, Jany 22 — To — Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Princeton, N. J.

Every now and then articles appear regarding the lack of adaptibility of the International Course of Sunday School Lessons as, for instance in the New York Evangelist week before last. Their want of adaptation to mission schools and primary classes in some localities is felt. Our missionary teachers in Utah ask permission to use lessons of their own selection. Some children from Mormon families attend Sunday school for only three months then move away, or the children are frightened away by the Mormon bishops. It is difficult to teach such children from the Epistles, Chronicles or even Acts. The International Lessons are especially fine for families where children and grand-children should be trained year after year in consecutive study of the Bible. There is some disadvantage in having teachers here and there follow their own ideas, some wise and good, some other-wise. Would it be possible to publish an annex-course or supplement to meet the case? Even a simple catechism of the Gospel might serve the purpose, to give the young, uninstructed child something definite to memorize and in a form adapted to their capacity. At Sitka, Alaska, I found the "Child's Scripture Catechism", prepared by Mrs. Dr. Bronson and published by the American Tract Society. It was used with excellent success. The little Indians "cried for it." At any rate it was given as a reward of merit to those who studied it and were faithful in attendance.

1885 — February

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1885 - Feby 3 - Mrs. W. L. Bethel, Spartanburg, South Carolina.
We are very glad that the Synod of Atlantic have at length followed the directions of our General Assembly and appointed a Committee of women to look after the interests of Home Missions. We welcome you cordially and feel certain you will be glad to be brought into official union with the women of our Presbyterian Church.
Our dear friend, and yours as well, Mrs. R. H. Allen, Pittsburgh, Penna. is one of our secretaries. She has charge of your special department and therefore has the duty of advising you as to best methods of work.

1885, Feby 5th. To - Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
I see in "the paper" you have sent a number of curios to the New Orleans Exposition. You proposed, yourself, that we have an exhibit at Cincinnati next May. Can your display at New Orleans be transferred to Cincinnati?

1885, Feby 17 - To - Mrs. Richard Folsom, Cincinnati, Ohio -
At our Committee Meeting yesterday, I was advised to write to Mrs. Teunis S. Hamlin, to ask her to make some inquiries as to what arrangements are being made for our Annual Meeting. Let me explain that the reason for writing Mrs Hamlin rather than any other is because she has attended four of our Annual meetings and knows what preparations are needed. I have asked her to show you my note.

1885 — February

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, Feby 27 — To — Miss Lizzie M. Campbell, Belleville, Pa.
Your impressions are quite right. There is no thought of removing the school at Sitka. Mrs. McFarland has her own girls whom she brought from Fort Wrangell, but she has all of Mrs. Austin's girls except a few whom Mrs. Austin has retained to assist in her house work. Mrs. Austin has the boys in her charge.
We publish few leaflets at 23 Centre St, because other types of our work require so much money that we cannot enter largely into that of publication. (Letter signed by Miss Fannie A. Dyer, Cor. Sec'y)

1885, Feby 28, To — Miss N. Graves, Newburgh, New York.
I have a letter of interest and present need to send you. These workers, Louis and Tillie Paul were connected with the first work at Fort Wrangell, Alaska. They have been given the care of a mission at Tongas, Alaska.

1885 — March

Excerpts from letters of Miss Fanny A. Dyer, Cor. Sec'y

1885, Mar. 2 – To – Mrs. James A. Crawford, New Castle, Penna.

We rejoice to find quite an increase in the enthusiasm of Bands and Circles of our children and young people for Home Mission work. It seems to me that the special Day of Prayer recommended by the President of our Executive Committee for all the synods of the United States, and first begun in our own Synod of Pennsylvania, because of the need of that work, must bring God's blessing upon these dear whole-hearted workers.

Several ladies have asked me recently, whose business is it to look after auxiliary organization in presbyteries. I have not the heart to approach the coldness and indifference of adults, but do believe the salvation of our land rests in the warm and ready hearts and love of our children. They will take up the work if older minds will glean the necessary information to lead them into this blessed service.

A bright little boy has just gone out of our Committee Rooms here, who came for Mite Boxes. When I asked if he was working for Home and Foreign Missions, he said, with much animation: "We have no foreign in it; we want our land to be ahead in sending the Gospel." I told him that was a praiseworthy desire, but he must not forget that the dear Lord wanted him to remember the heathen far away as well as the heathen on our own shores.

May I draw your attention to a new fund, which, because of stringency in our treasury, we have been led to establish for the year 1885 to 1886. This is called the "School Supply Fund" intended to provide to our teachers books, slates, maps, globes, desks and other requisites for successful work. If your dear children feel satisfied to allow their contribution go for this need, they could do nothing more gratifying to our Woman's Executive Committee.

1885, Mar. 10 – To – Mrs. A. J. Harned, State Center, Iowa.

Miss Austin (teacher at Sitka, Alaska,) married some time ago, and has left the work. Mrs. McFarland of Fort Wrangell has been removed to Sitka, Alaska, to take charge of the girls school there, and Mrs. Austin, mother of Miss Olinda, has charge of the boys only, with the exception of a few girls whom she has kept to assist her with household work.

1885 — March

Excerpts from letters of Miss F. A. Dyer, Cor. Secy.

1885, Mar. 10 — To — Miss Eva Van Wormer, Malad City, Iowa.
Our beloved Mrs. Haines has been very little at home since her return from Alaska, having spent most of the time at Clifton Springs, New York, for rest and recuperation.

1885 — Mar 12 — To — Miss M. Beekman, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
Have but a moment to write, but must say that our Secretaries think it may be more prudent to teach temperance in every possible way by precept and example without taking it actually as a text-book into your school. It might bring you needless trouble.

1885, Mar. 14 — To — Mrs. A. H. Folsom, 33 W. Pearl St, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Spencer Academy, or as it is now called, the Wheelock Orphan School, is doing a very interesting work, and seems to be a favored field with many leading churches in leading cities. I enclose a letter from Mr. Robe which will give you more definite and practical information. Please remember the new address, Wheelock, Indian Territory instead of Boaksville.

1885, Mar. 18 — To — Mrs. A. B. Morey, Jacksonville, Ills.
Is it not amazing that any Christian man or woman can fail to see how all Foreign Supplies must cease if we neglect the work at home, since it alone is the feeder of the work farther away.

1885, Mar. 18 — To — Mrs. Amy D. Cottrell, Macomb, Ills.
What do you think of Miss A. R. Kelsey (was she not your classmate at the Normal School at Mansfield?) going away to Alaska as one of our missionary teachers? When her name was mentioned by our Secretaries and our Executive Committee, I fearlessly spoke of her in most unqualified terms. × × But, the dear child knows little of the wide opportunity before her for patience, self-denial and trust in God alone.

1885 – April

Excerpts from letters of Miss F. A. Dyer, Cor. Secy.

1885, April 9 – To – Miss L. M. Finley, 4119 Pine St., W. Philadelphia, Pa.
Our beloved Mrs. Haines has been able to do very little since her return from Alaska. She is still forbidden to do active work, although she is not confined to her room. Her correspondence comes to my desk.

1885, April 9 – To – Mrs. Ashbel Green,
I enclose Mr. Bryan's letter to you, that you may have time to think over and weigh its strong points, as you could not do at one of our hurried meetings. I have never seen a statement that so clearly lays bare the great burden that has weighed upon my heart ever since I came into this work. I have no idea where one should look for the responsibility of this condition of things. I do not believe it can belong to any one or two officers, but is the natural outgrowth of a great work rapidly developed, without the need of a careful system at the beginning. Eyes of many auxiliaries are watching the great central depository of their trust.

1885, April 14 – To – Miss M. G. Burdette 2338 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ills.
(Baptist Missionary Society)
My neglect in informing you of the expense of printing the Petition on Mormonism is due to my having mislaid your address. The Petition and Circular letter, 500 copies each, make your proportion of expenses for printing $6.50
Recently I spent a day or two with my friend, Mrs. James in Washington, and one evening she took me into her husband's office, and taking up copy after copy of the printed Daily Record of the House of Representatives we counted by the hundreds the presentation of these petitions, circulated by the Christian women, and brought before the lawmakers of our land by their several representatives. These efforts may be seemed useless, they are not so; every agitation does its share toward shaping "public opinion" – that formidable power in the failure or success of every cause.
I believe that Eternity will disclose the fact that the women of our land are behind the success of the Temperance work, the amelioration of the terrible injustice to the Indians, and the present tottering condition of Mormonism! For Mormonism is bound to go, as surely as that other terrible plague, slavery!

1885 – April

Excerpts from letters of Miss F. A. Dyer, Cor. Sec'y

1885, April 22 – To – Mrs. C. E. Coulter, Box 258, Pittsburgh, Penna.

On behalf of our Woman's Executive Committee it gives me pleasure to say that at a recent meeting, April 6th, your election as a member of the Executive Committee of Home Missions was formally confirmed. Very cordially yours,

(Miss) F. A. Dyer, Cor. Sec'y

1885, April 28 – To – Mrs. T. E. H. Haines, 242 Carroll St, Brooklyn, N.Y.

We have no regular Committee meeting on Monday but the School Committee request that members of the Woman's Executive Committee meet them in conference on Thursday, May 7th, at 10 a.m. My prayer is, that the Lord may anoint you with wisdom and courage to speak all the words that shall be for His glory in the coming year.

1885 — May

Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1885, May 5 — To — Mrs. E. S. Willard, Chilcat, Alaska
When I was at Indianapolis, Indiana in October 1884, a Mrs. Lodge of that city, after hearing of your log building, proposed the idea of having her boys' mission band cut and smooth nicely little logs to be sold at twenty-five cents each to raise money for the erection of the building. She sent a specimen of the log her boys had made and sold, but one of my own young folks has suggested that the logs would sell more readily if they actually came from your mission. Could some of your boys cut and trim some to send by mail? Let me know the best kind of wood for the purpose. The idea is to keep a log on the bureau in plain sight so as to remind the donor to your work to pray for its success.

1885, May 9th — Mrs. Peunia S. Hamlin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, Ohio.
You can imagine it is a great disappointment to me not to come to Cincinnati, but I will not enlarge on this. It is all right. Our women are earnestly asking for wisdom, and we must believe it will be given them.
Enclosed are fifty cents for which send to me the best report given of the proceedings of General Assembly from day to day. I am sorry to trouble you with this but do not know what newspaper to request. Miss Dyer will bring a few Alaskan curios belonging to my family which I hope may be cared for well and returned without injury.
Also, I have been making some little silk purses which Miss Dyer will bring. I do not want them sold under thirty cents apiece. Each one has in it a little picture card. Please pick out one and give it to your dear Bertie with my love.

1885 — May

Excerpts from letters of Miss F. A. Dyer, Cor. Secy

1885, May 12, To- Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colo.
By unanimous vote of the Woman's Executive Committee, at an adjourned meeting held today, you were desired earnestly to come east, if possible, and take Mrs. Haines' correspondence in the office at 280 Broadway at a salary of $75.00 per month for such time as you are able to give to the Committee. If you can do so, the Committee will be very glad to have you present at the Annual Meeting, May 29th at Cincinnati, Ohio, and earlier if convenient. Please telegraph if you can come east for the office and be able to go to Cincinnati.

1885, May 12, - To- Mrs. John Davis, 323 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
At the Meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions today, by a unanimous vote, the members of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which you are the honored First Vice-President, are cordially invited to sit with us as corresponding members at our approaching annual Meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 29th.
I am instructed also to request that your Society be more especially represented by a <u>delegate</u> who shall give us a few words of sympathy and cheer in this common work which our dear Lord with such honor has committed to us <u>women</u> of this Nineteenth Century!

1885, May 21 - Miss F. A. Dyer, St. James Hotel, 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio
I forward letters from Mrs. Norcross and Captain Pratt to which I answered that the Carlisle Indian boys need not arrive at Cincinnati until Wednesday evening unless you write to the contrary. They will be entertained by Mrs. J. J. Fisher, 65 Pike Street. Miss Alice Robertson with the Indian girls will be at the same place so you will be quite relieved of the care of Indians.
I also enclose a note stating that Mrs. John Davis will represent the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.
I send also a list of the newspapers, prepared by Mrs. Ham.
It is desirable to have a different report for each separate paper.
We have had help of this kind in past years.

(Signed Mrs F. E. H. Haines)

1885 — May

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, May 22 – To – Miss Elizabeth Boyd, Box 123, Albany, N.Y.
Your letters of the eleventh and fourteenth instants are both received. I want to assure you of the heartfelt interest our Committee is taking in what seems to be opening before someone to do in the South. But no decision could be made before the meeting of General Assembly, and our Annual Meeting the twenty-ninth instant. You will be encouraged to know that a petition goes from our Executive Committee asking to be allowed to enlarge the work already commenced among the "Poor Whites". I do not know what other name to give them yet. No doubt some address on the subject will be made. Rev. Mr. Dodge has called at our office, though I have not seen him, and he is having printed 500 copies of a statement in regard to the work to be sent to Cincinnati. The fact that he promises to pay the rent of that building gives hope that further interest will be given. I have just returned from a prayer meeting to be continued for the interests of Home Missions, monthly we hope, day and hour not yet specified. Among other objects this work in the south was brought forward particularly in regard to the petition to General Assembly. Having committed it to the Lord we leave it with Him.
Be certain to let us know if you come to New York. Our office is now at 280 Broadway.

1885, May 22 – To – Mrs. Sheldon Jackson, 345 N. Kellogg St, Galesburg, Ills.
How sad it is that there should be so much trouble connected with the Mission at Sitka. Our Committee have sent a special appeal through several of its members who were to appear before President Cleveland, with regard to making a change in the men appointed to carry on the Government there. It is a matter we must commit to the Lord. I am not surprised that you speak so well of Mrs. Austin. I saw Mr. Austin but a few moments but we are glad he was able to come. Probably he is now at General Assembly.

1885, May 22 – To – Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, c/o General Assembly.
Among the reasons that I feel disappointed in not going to Cincinnati is that I shall miss seeing you to talk over many matters in connection with the Home Mission Work.
I want so much to have you see our President, Mrs. Ashbel Green, and Miss Dyer, one of our secretaries whom you will find at the St. James Hotel, Fourth St., Cincinnati.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines sec'y.

1885, May 22 – To – Mrs. Darwin R. James, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Rev. D. Stuart Dodge called twice at our office about Miss Elizabeth Boyd's work among the "Poor Whites" but saw none of our Committee. He did have a talk with Dr. Roberts who can give you the results of it. Mr. Dodge wanted to print a statement regarding this work. As there was no time for delay, I believe he decided to go on with it and send 500 copies for distribution at Cincinnati. You may know he promised to pay the rent of the building needed at Columbia, South Carolina.
Yesterday at the first of the Monthly Prayer Meetings for Home Missions at Dr. Crosby's Church, Mrs. Phelps was asked to write some account of it to some of you at Cincinnati. I felt encouraged by the interest shown by the women present, coming from ten different churches.
We who "stay by the stuff" commit you all to the guidance the Lord will give you.

1885, May 23 – To – Rev. George Norcross, Cincinnati, Ohio
I am thankful you are a commissioner this year, to help look after the interests of Woman's Work to which you have been so true a friend from its beginning. A petition goes from our Committee that our societies be allowed to enlarge work among the "Poor Whites" or "Crackers". A year ago, you will remember, the Department for Freedmen was added to our work and placed in charge of Mrs. R. H. Allen. This has given us little more labor, but has tended to hold the women together, and obviated the disadvantage of having a "third party."
If you could read the appeals you would see the need for having something done for the "Poor Whites," by someone. If we do not assume this charge some society will probably be organized to do it as a separate work, and that would complicate matters.
You will understand the case.

1885, May 23 – To – Rev. John Gillespie, D.D., Cincinnati, Ohio.
I am very disappointed to be one to "stay by the stuff" and not to have the opportunity to see you, either on the journey or during your stay at Cincinnati.
We spent two very trying days in conference with members of the Board of Home Missions, cutting down appropriations to the lowest possible figures.
We do not think, if it should be considered best to allow our women's societies to extend the work a little for the "Poor Whites" of the south, that this would interfere with work already being done among Indians, Mormons, Mexicans and Freedmen? So many are ready to respond to appeals from that field that we fear the organization of a third party if we do not accept this mission.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, May 23 - To - Rev. A. A. E. Taylor, D.D., Cincinnati, Ohio
We are very anxious that General Assembly, or whoever may be the Standing Committee on Home Missions this year, may not feel discouraged regarding the work of our Committee, because just now we are in debt, as also is the Board of Home Missions as a whole. Please to notice that our receipts have been larger than ever before, that there is a growing interest in the Church regarding the need for adding work in the South. Appropriations for the coming year have been cut to the last figure, much below what the missionaries and presbyteries asked. If receipts this current year fall below those of last year we may still be able to pay the present debt and hold on to work begun. This means that we take nothing new except as funds are given to establish a school without further demands on our treasury. I am certain you understand the situation and will continue to help us.

1885, May 23 - To - Miss F. A. Dyer, Cincinnati, Ohio
I think it quite desirable and really important that Mrs. Boyd's condensed report of our treasury should be printed in the Cincinnati daily paper which gives the best report of the proceedings of General Assembly. It will then be seen by the commissioners and many others present who take the paper pro tem. If finally decided not to publish the addresses that may be made next Friday, the 29th, in the Presbyterian Home Missionary, I hope they will be given as fully as last year in leaflet form, which is proposed to take the place of that. I do not see where we can get better material to present to the women of the Church. I am also anxious that whatever may be said by Dr. Barrows, or whoever speaks on our woman's work before General Assembly, should be taken down by your stenographer, so as to be printed verbatim. I know that addresses at the popular meetings of General Assembly are seldom published in full, but the part that relates to our work, do please see without fail, that it is taken down as above mentioned.
You may be sure that we remember you all as well as the General Assembly in prayer, that you may be guided aright. I am so sorry that Mr. Eaton has been unable to get any money, and I have to wait until next Tuesday before making any further effort.

 Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1885, May 25th To - Mrs. Ashbel Green, Cincinnati, Ohio, —

I enclose an important letter from Mrs. Walker received this morning. I think you will want to consult our secretaries Dr. Kendall and Dr. Roberts about it. Of course, we have nothing to do with work that may be proposed for Mr. Walker, but I think Mr. Boyd will write the secretaries on this subject. There would not be much risk in a six months' trial. Do you not think it would be well to engage Mrs. Walker at any rate for what time she could give? During the summer our office work is comparatively light and can be done with our present force. Miss Dyer and Mrs. Baker should attend to getting out the Annual Report before vacation. It seems unnecessary for Mrs. Walker to visit the schools when they are not in session, so she could go where directed next fall before coming to New York at all.

It is sad that no money has been borrowed as yet. There have been many complications. It is necessary to do nothing to compromise the credit of the Board of Home Missions. The matter may be settled tomorrow (D.V.). If not I hope to see one or more friends up town about it.

If you think it is best to have a Vice-President in New York City, now that Mrs. D. R. James is not at hand to take your place in a longer or shorter emergency, I have found Mrs. Edward N. Crosby very earnest and efficient in meetings up-town, in which she either presided or took part very acceptably.

1885 - May 25 - To - Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colo.

Your important letter came this morning and I forward it at once to Mrs. Ashbel Green, St. James Hotel, Cincinnati. Mrs. James and Miss Dyer are there and you will no doubt hear from them.

Of course I can write personally only, but earnestly hope the Committee can secure you for all the time that you can give. It does not seem to me important that you should come into the office work here at present. You must try to study for yourself and report how you think your time can be put in to best advantage visiting missions and societies. If you cannot go to Chicago for the meeting proposed, (time of which you do not mention) perhaps it can be postponed or Mrs. James might go. She is a power, or rather, one whom God uses to manifest His power. We will leave all for the Master to direct. He has fitted you so remarkably for the service to which you are now called, that I believe He will complete the work by bringing you to it.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1885, May 25 — To – Mrs. Ashbel Green, Cincinnati, Ohio.
When appointing a nominating committee, I suppose it will be well to have Mrs. Charles E. Walker's name transferred from the list of Vice-Presidents to that of Corresponding Secretaries. The name of Mrs. William C. Roberts should be added to the list of secretaries. I think it should not be printed as editorial secretary. The name of Mrs. L. S. Bartlett of Tennessee may be dropped as vice-president. She has gone into work for the Freedmen as a teacher. I would suggest the name of Mrs. W. F. Cummings who is at the head of Home Mission work and a person of energy and influence. Suppose you confer about adding the name of Mrs. S. S. Bryan to the Pennsylvania list. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Norcross represent the eastern part of the state, but this may not be important.
Since you left I have heard of the death of Mrs. J. E. Whitaker of St. Louis, a member of our Committee, because an officer of the Board of the Southwest, and her daughter is one of our teachers, transferred recently from Muskogee to Tahlequah, Indian Territory. Our annual report includes names of all taken from us to the end of the month of March, but you may wish to mention Mrs. Whitaker in your opening address next Friday.

1885, May 25 – To – Mrs. Ashbel Green,
I have just learned that Dr. Roberts is not to speak to General Assembly tomorrow, therefore, I do not see how you can possibly do better for Friday evening than to have him speak then. He is very popular in the Church generally and would attract many.

1885 – May 25 – To – Dr. Henry Kendall, D.D., Cincinnati
As you are to see Dr. Kirkwood and talk matters over with him I think you should see the enclosed letters from Miss Verbeek.
If we can take boarders at Las Vegas she might go there pro tem.
I am so glad Dr. Pomeroy is Chairman of the Home Missions Committee.

1885 – May

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1885, May 25 – To – Mrs. Maria C. Grier, 1825 Spruce St, Phila. Pa.
When I tell you that our teachers have taken in one way or another, at least thirty scholars in Utah, some have been adopted, others for a shorter or longer time, you may be certain that the outfit of which you speak will be very acceptable somewhere. × × ×
You would be surprised to know how welcome such gifts are even in the families of our missionaries as salaries paid by our Board allow for no extra expenditures. If you know of friends in Philadelphia who are disposed to make donations soon it would relieve actual suffering on the part of teachers waiting for their salaries, because of the want of money in our treasury now.

1885, May 27 – To – Mrs. Ashbel Green, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. Eaton cannot get the loan of $12,000. which we have been trying to borrow for two and a half weeks. Mr. Ham has been busy trying in vain. Mr. Boyd has just been to see him. Mr. Ham says: "If Mr. James and Mr. Green, each will raise $4,000.–, he will do the same." I infer the expression "raise" means, borrow personally. This is a noble offer.

1885 – May 28 – To – Mrs. S. C. Fulton, E. 21st St, New York
Excuse my writing by the hand of my secretary. I asked for Mr. Fulton's address because I thought if we could not succeed elsewhere, he might help us to borrow some money for immediate use, because of our great need. I wish you would speak to him on this subject. After making effort to raise money for almost three weeks we are unsuccessful, and our teachers are suffering for the want of their salaries. We are asking for $12,000.–; if Mr. Fulton could borrow it, on the promise of the usual interest $5,000.–, it would tide over a pressing crisis. Our receipts last year were $128,000.– and because interest in Home Missions is increasing, we believe we shall receive quite as much this current year. The above sum was $19,000.– in advance of receipts of the previous year, and we have been cutting estimates on our missions to the lowest figure. I would like to have Mr. Fulton talk with Mr. Eaton our Treasurer, and Mr. Boyd, Recording Secretary. Let me thank you again, Mrs. Fulton for your kindness in getting the $500.– for us from Mrs. Barnes. I was hoping she might loan the money wanted, but have little hope that her son will think best to help us in the manner desired.

1885 — June,

Excerpts from letters of Mrs F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1885, June 1st — To Mrs. C. W. Thomas, Kingston, N.Y. (From C.R.R.H.)
Owing to the mismanagement of many of the United States officials sent to Alaska to establish a government, and to their interference in the schools, many of the Indian girls have been withdrawn from school and in the present state it would be unwise to attempt any new departure such as glove-making until affairs are more settled.
If you will kindly allow me to place your address and offer on file our ladies will be glad to accept your suggestion when the time is right.

1885, June 2 — To Miss Anne F. I. Bullard, St. Joseph, Mo. (From C.R.R.H. for Miss Dyer)
I am writing for Miss Dyer, but am particularly glad to write about the mission at Chilcat, Alaska, as I had the pleasure of stopping there for a short time last summer. I found Mrs. Willard a very lovely woman, and her house comfortable and tasteful. The new school-building of logs was not then completed, but it was charmingly situated, and as far as we could judge it seemed as if it would suit its purpose. School was not in session then but I saw several very attractive young Indian girls who were in Mrs. Willard's family.
Your being under the Board of the Southwest makes it seem more round-about to pay over your gifts, but it makes no difference in the end.

1885, June 13 — To Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., Englewood, N.J. (From C.R.R.H. for Miss Dyer)
I enclose a letter from Miss Rankin, matron at Sitka, which the Executive Committee think should be referred to the School Committee. Our Executive Committee think the rule allowing teachers money to return at the end of three years does not apply to those at such distant points, but in view of Miss Rankin's faithful services, the Committee voted that she should be allowed fifty dollars provided this meets your approval.

1885 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Sey.

1885, June 1st. To — Judge Ashbel Green,
I write to let you know that through the kindness of a friend, we are able to effect the loan of $5000.— by a note which, however, needs the endorsement of one or more responsible names. The gentlemen at our office think this sum is all we need to borrow at present. As you were kindly willing to endorse for us for a larger amount, I think you will be ready to endorse the note Mr. O. E. Boyd, Recording Secretary of the Board of Home Missions will present this P.M. Mr. Boyd will answer any questions you may desire to ask.

1885, June 1, To — Mrs. Fulton, 109 E. 21st St, New York,.
When Mr. O. D. Eaton and Mr. Boyd told me of Mr. Fulton's exceeding kindness in being willing to raise $5000.— for us I thought at once, it came in answer to prayer; and I cannot wait until a "note" is properly prepared and endorsed and the money is actually in the treasury to thank you both for this. It will relieve so much anxiety and perhaps suffering on the part of our teachers when they receive the money due them. Mr. O. D. Eaton, our Treasurer says he can get the checks due our teachers off in three hours after the money is received here. Let us continue to trust in the Lord.

1885, June 1, To — Mrs. T. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, New York
I would like this to reach you on your return from Cincinnati. Will you please prepare a notice of the Home Missionary Prayer Meeting. x x x Mrs. E. N. Crosby writes that the time proposed after consultation with Dr. Crosby is the third Wednesday of every month at eleven a.m. If you know of any reason why this is not acceptable please see Mrs. Crosby. I think it will be well to include in the notice an invitation to women from all parts of the country to attend when they are in New York City at the time,

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1885, June 3 — To — Mrs. Susan Harding, Monmouth, Ills.

We presume that Mr. Willard continued with the yacht, as money collected for it by Dr. Phraner was sent for it not long ago. There will be some satisfaction in knowing that our friends there are provided a means of transportation more convenient than a canoe. You probably hear from Miss Matthews the matron at Chilcat. The outside wall of the mission building there is built of logs and we have adopted a plan, proposed by an Indiana missionary society for giving miniature logs to boys or others to sell at twenty-five cents each to help pay for that log school building.

You know from your own observation in Alaska, how much schools are needed at Juneau and Killisnoo, and how much we could do to make our missionaries more comfortable if we had the means, but it is impossible at present to go into further expense.

We trust the women of Illinois will be led to make larger contributions this year than before, though we are thankful they are doing so much for our own country. We need constant and regular contributions during the Spring months when funds are scant. We would like to have a few ~~friends~~ friends create a permanent fund from which we could draw in summer when we have to borrow money and must pay interest in order to meet the salaries of teachers. Just now it is our special prayer for donations that will get us out of debt.

We had the pleasure of seeing Dr. Jackson here for a few hours, but he made a flying visit, being obliged to return to Alaska to meet an engagement there. We hope for changes in officers appointed to conduct the government of Alaska, so our school work shall not have interference as they have had by those in power at present.

1885, June 3 — To — Mrs. A. E. Blackburn, St. George, Utah

When writing before I did not mention the quilt that your girls had been preparing for the Chilcat Mission in Alaska. Please thank them with my love. As I have visited there myself, I take special pleasure in anything that will add to the comfort of the missionaries who live at a station so remote. The house they occupy is a pleasant one, but no neighbors, except a few Indians living in small huts near by the Mission House which is substantially built of logs. The scenery about the place is grand. From the place where we landed to go up to visit Mr. and Mrs. Willard, the missionaries, I counted seven echoes.

1885 – June

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines secy.)

1885, June 3 – To – Mrs. Cutter,

Have you received notice from Mrs. Ashbel Green and Mrs. D. R. James that Wednesday next, the 10th instant, be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer and contributions for the debt of the School Department of Home Missions, as well as for the larger work of the Board of Home Missions? It gives but short time for sending notices to each society.

1885, June 8, – To Miss Dickey

It is important for you to know exactly about the rule which on account of our debt our Committee was compelled to adopt. – viz That before a new school is established, all money for its establishment and support for three to five years must be promised by some person or society, and of course, – such school must be approved by the Board of Home Missions

1885 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1885, June 3d – To – Mrs. M. T. Scott, Bloomington, Ills.
Never before has there been as much encouragement to continue our effort. Rev. Mr. McClain, now at Ogden, Utah, writes that his preaching services are crowded with Mormons. The United States court is in session there. Several polygamists have been indited, and others probably will be; many are in hiding.
I do not know whether you were able to go to Cincinnati, but we hear the missionary meetings were very encouraging. Mrs. Ashbel Green, our President, calls for a day of fasting and prayer and contributions to be observed, Wednesday, June tenth, in view of the debt upon us.

1885, June 4, To – Mrs. E. N. Crosby, 7 W. 32d St., New York, N.Y.
It is my pleasant duty to give you formal notice that at the Annual Meeting of the Synodical Committees of Home Missions, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, May 29th last, you were unanimously elected one of the Vice-Presidents of our Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions.

1885, June 4 – To – Mrs. Fulton, 109 East 21st St., New York.
I wish to explain to you and Mr. Fulton the reason for the delay in carrying out the very kind offer about the $5000.—
Judge Ashbel Green is out of town. Mr. O. E. Boyd tried in vain to find him but learned he will be back next Monday. Judge Green had promised to endorse a "note" for us, and it is thought by our gentlemen here that we should not apply to any one else. Mr. Boyd planned to write about this detention himself, but unfortunately saw I was doing so, and insisted that I finish my note. This whole matter through the kind Providence of our Lord, giving you "personal interest", as you write, is lifted above the character of a mere business transaction, and I know the Lord accepts your service as personal to Him.

1885, June 4, To – Mrs. W. C. Roberts, Elizabeth, N. J.
It is my delightful and encouraging duty to inform you cordially as well as officially, that at the Annual Meeting of the Synodical Committees of Home Missions, held at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 29th last, you were unanimously elected one of the secretaries of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. I understand this is done to have you continue in charge of our Editorial Department, especially as it relates to the <u>Presbyterian Home Missionary.</u>
Should you hesitate at all to accept this secretarial office, let me refer you to a sermon preached in Dr. Van Dyke's Church, Brooklyn, by <u>one of the secretaries</u> of our Board of Home Missions not long ago, and note the danger mentioned by him in not taking up work plainly and Providentially offered.

1885 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1885, June 6, To - Rev. George M. Martin, Manti, Utah.

I was about to write you regarding prospective vacancies when your letter was handed to me. It gives much of the needed information but let us consult a little further. We seem to have teacher material on hand or in prospect to fill vacancies, but too many only fit to serve as assistants. We may be obliged to let some of these "resign", for we have applications from good teachers, better to stand alone. I list and number the stations according to your schedule, and have no time to add more this afternoon, luckily for you.

1885, June 11, To - Rev. R. G. McNiece, Salt Lake City, Utah

We cannot help feeling grieved about Professor Coyner, though he has talked so long of giving up the "Institute" which was so emphatically the child of his adoption, a sort of memorial to his daughter.

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1885, June 11 — To — Mrs. D. R. James, 1412 I. St, Washington, D.C.

We are persuaded that it is important for us to use more ammunition
this year than last in the line of leaflets. As you are chairman of this
committee, and for other reasons, your opinion will weigh much in the
acceptance of any material.
You will wonder that after all your earnest efforts to secure money at
once, we were not able to borrow $5,000.— until last Monday. This was
secured through the kindness of Mr. E. M. Fulton of this city; and it is
delightfully restful to know that the checks are all off to pay teachers
up to the first of May. We must make an effort to have those who assume
the support of teachers, pay their money quarterly; for at present
it seems as if money must be borrowed every summer even should
we be relieved of the present debt.

1885, June 16 — To — Prof. J. M. Coyner, Pasadena, Calif.

At a meeting of our Executive Committee held yesterday, I was directed
to write you to express our deep regret at the change you have
been obliged to make. We trust the climate, etc., of California, may
continue to be of service to Mrs. Coyner's health. We so
appreciate the work, which at so much self-sacrifice you
have begun at Salt Lake City. It remains a monument of
your constant devotion to its interests. Wishing great success
in whatever place our Lord may lead you to occupy,—

With very sincere respect,

1885, June 17 — To — Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Upon inquiry, I am so sorry to find that no appropriation
for the Liberal Institute has been made, nor can be, till our
debt is paid, probably not this year at all. I am truly
thankful with you about the blessing given you these eight
years in your church. This is worth living for.
I hear through Mr. Coyner that Prof. Millspaugh does not
accept the place of Superintendent on account of poor health;
but, as you do not mention it, we all hope he accepts.

1885 – June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1885, June 18 – To – Mrs. Richard Folsom, Cincinnati, Ohio.

That very interesting and touching circular from Miss Burke has been received here and considered. It shows great devotion on her part to be willing to remain at Toquerville without salary. It has been decided that all that can be done for her at present, is to allow her the rent of the property if she desires to remain there. This can be used by her to raise strawberries, chickens, or anything she chooses; for as we all believe she is doing good missionary work, though the school has not been a success. In the future when we are in better financial condition she may again receive a salary. The impulse of friends will be to send her money and other supplies, but I need only ask you to guard that this is not overdone, nor to have anything done that will take money that might be applied elsewhere in Utah for the support of schools. The Board does not wish her to send appeals to churches for the mission at Toquerville. I think you will understand this question; if not, we will answer any questions you desire to ask.

1885, June 18 – To – Miss Fannie R. Burke, Toquerville, Utah.

You may be certain that after hearing from Cincinnati, through the little circular the friends there have made out of your letter, we are deeply touched with the interest and consecration for the work which lead you to offer to remain at Toquerville without salary. It would have been more in order, however, for you to have written us in New York first in regard to this matter. Please, another time, remember to do this as we find it makes a little difficulty in settling matters, if we do not know before they are brought to the attention of auxiliary societies. We do appreciate the good work you are doing at Toquerville, and believe you are gaining access to the families quite as well as if you were teaching a larger school, but in the present situation the Board and our Committee cannot arrange to have you stay at Toquerville receiving the salary you have had. We could transfer you with a salary to another point, but if you still are kind enough to remain, making your own expenses as best you can, the Board gives you the rent of the premises free, allowing you to use it as you propose. After a year, if not before, and if it seems best to continue work at Toquerville, we may be in a position to pay something in the way of salary; in the meantime the Board of Home Mission does not wish any appeals made in regard

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to the work at Tuquerville. We must first collect money to relieve us from the heavy debt, now upon us, then to sustain the schools already established. We trust the Lord will give such fervor to this Mission Work in the hearts of His people that it will not be hindered for lack of funds as at present. Please write to us now and then to say how you are getting on; we shall be anxious to hear how your experiment succeeds, and whether you have a great loss or disadvantage. Do not fear to let us know and, by us, I mean our Woman's Executive Committee.

1885 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secy

1885, June 18 — To — Miss M. Beekman, Mt Pleasant, Utah.
I am pleased to hear through Mrs. Stryker of Philadelphia that $300.— have been raised for your reading room, and that papers and magazines are promised to supply it. This money will pass through our treasury as a "special", on the ground that you are our teacher, and that it is used for Home Mission work, at least indirectly. Some have asked why a room in the Mission could not be used for the purpose; and having been there myself, I have answered, that in order to reach the class of outsiders you have in view, such an arrangement could not be made. We are in such great need of money to relieve us from debt, that I hope this $300.— is all that you will need.

1885, June 19 — To — Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colo.
Everyone here at our new office seems more busy than ever. You are needed very much just here, more than you realize, and I trust, if the Lord will, you may be able to come for regular service into this work. It seems more important to have you here than to visit schools. Just now there is pressure to send off the appeals for the debt, copies of which you probably have received. I think we shall have more liberty to enlarge the work. It wears on me to have to say "no" so often.

1885, June 20, To — Rev. B. S. Everit, Jamesburg, N. J.
Your plan for the debts is first-rate, only one great omission is found in your list. This your Committee of four commissioners will please fill in, and then divide receipts proportionally. The School Department of the Board of Home Missions is also in debt $29,000.— for which the Board stands responsible. Therefore the whole debt of the Board of Home Missions is $140,000.— You are such a good friend to our special work, I am certain you will take pains to have a proper division made. Many have said that the need was

1/3 for Foreign Missions and 2/3 for Home Missions

which does not represent the ratio of $50,000 against $140,000.— May you have success in your effort. What a good thing if committees in other presbyteries would take similar definite action!

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885 - June 20 - To - Miss Alice M. Robertson, Ockmulgee, Ind. Ter.

I do hope this finds you feeling stronger than when you wrote to me and to Dr. Kendall. Set your dear heart at rest as to one thing. You will not be allowed to teach in a school-room next winter. I have no official message but it is my belief and hope that you will be asked to take charge at Muskogee. Word may be sent soon about this.

My love to your dear mother. We are thankful and delighted to know how the Lord continues to use her. May I ask an impertinent question? Is she still under the Board of Foreign Missions? I hope so, for we are so low in funds and are not allowed to take up anything new. We trust the effort to pay our debt may result in an impulse to support the regular work.

1885, June 23. To - Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy, 145 No. 10th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Thank you for the interesting account of the promising beginning of the St. Paul Presbyterial Society for Home Missions. We join with you in thanking God for it. × × Does it not take away your breath to think of the General Assembly coming to you next year? We need not begin to talk about this, but plenty of correspondence will be necessary after January 1886.

1885, June 22, - To - Miss L. A. Wilkins, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Do you, teachers in the various departments still keep up a meeting for prayer together? This is so helpful and important. Here at our office we not only open our meetings with prayer, always, but often when a difficult question is to be decided, we again bow to ask for that wisdom which God alone can give.

Please write and tell me about yourself. I hope your own health and strength hold out better than sometime ago. I think you understand we wish your Quarterly Reports to give us a record about work done in your own department.

1885 - June 22 - To - Miss Elizabeth Boyd, P. O. Box 123, Albany, N. Y.

I, too, am truly disappointed that nothing really official could be done to enlarge the work among the "Poor Whites". But there is no reason for permanent discouragement. This cause suffers in common with others. We are not allowed to start any new schools among the Indians, Mexicans or Mormons on account of our debt. If the Lord sends money to pay that and to meet our diminished appropriations this current year, in May 1886 an onward movement will be allowed

1885, June 25 – To Miss Eliz. S. Dickey, 37 So 19th St, Philadelphia, Pa.
After receiving yours of the 22d, I heard of your meeting in Dr. Mutchmore's
Church. I am glad you understand that nothing must be done to
get us in debt, or to take funds which would otherwise come to us
for work already under way. In case you can raise the funds please
remember that your plans must be submitted in definite outline
for approval by our Board here. Therefore, dear friend, I recommend
that you send a written agreement that the support of said
school will be guaranteed for at least three years.
Suppose a Kindergarten department can be added to the Camp
Mission, do you have a teacher to propose for it, who has the
real missionary spirit and would be a true missionary
outside as well as in the school-room? This is very important
The Episcopal young lady could not receive a commission
from our Board unless she will join a Presbyterian Church.

1885, June 25 – To – Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Plattsburgh, New York.
I am glad to know that your societies hold regular meetings
during the summer. Perhaps I can visit some of them without
causing them inconvenience. You can judge whether it will be
best to do so and whether to undertake any of such work.
I had thought of going to Ogdensburg and Malone. By doing
that I might save time and expense

1885 – June 25 – To Miss Alice Hyson, Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico.
I want you to know how we sympathize with you in the discomforts
to which you have been subjected. But we are so in debt that
we are not allowed at present to make any improvements in the
way of building, but you must not teach in the damp and poorly
lighted and ventilated room of which you write.

1885 – June 25 – Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna.
I want to explain about the delay in building for the Papagoes. The plan
origonally presented by Dr. Sheldon Jackson was for a day school to cost
about $1500. – When the Government learned that Philadelphia was providing
this, it asked why it might not be a boarding school to cost double the
amount, $3000. – The Board of Home Missions approved this, and Philadelphia
nobly agreed to assume the whole, and paid $2,907. – before April first.
As the Pima Indians are closely associated with the Papagoes there has been
delay in deciding the location where both tribes would have benefit from its use.
Dr. Kirkwood Synodical Superintendent for Arizona is now on his way to consult Dr. Hart
now at work at San Xavier and to decide the question.

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1885, June 26 – Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colo.
I write in regard to the Papagoes, understanding you were to visit Dr. Hart at San Xavier, Arizona, and aid in deciding upon the best location for the Indian school building. Philadelphia has paid $2907.– to us and we are depending on your decision as to location and plans, and ought to know also what will be the cost of suitable furniture for every department: Kitchen, dining-room, school rooms, and dormitories.

1885 — June

Debt of the Board of Home Missions $139,538.—
Debt of the Board of Foreign Missions 57,000.—

A Plan that Worked Well, July first

to raise money for the debt in a church of 130 members at Roselle, New Jersey.

First. — An earnest sermon on the subject was preached on Sunday morning, June 28th by the pastor Rev. I. A. Blauvelt.

Second — Envelopes imprinted "A Thank Offering to Help Pay the Debt" were distributed to be used to enclose offering and sealed without donor's name.
"As the Lord has prospered you"

Third — A printed notice of Praise Meeting for the privilege and opportunity of giving to the Lord's work on Wednesday evening when the sealed envelopes would be collected was also circulated

Fourth — The above mentioned meeting was held for a half hour on the evening, July first, after which the envelopes were collected, and money divided between the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

Fifth — To make the occasion social and joyous to all, old and young, ice cream at five cents a plate and cake, gratis, were then furnished.

RESULTS — It had been hoped that $200.— might be raised instead of the $75.— that might probably be given in a plate collection on Sunday.

The amount found in the sealed envelopes proved to be $313.=

"The people truly rejoiced, for that they offered willingly."

1885 — July

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy)

1885, July 18 — To Miss Julia H. Johnston, Peoria, Ills.

No doubt you have heard of the activity of late of our Government in arresting polygamists which has somewhat affected the attendance at our schools in Utah. For this reason particularly we think Miss Rea will have to teach alone at Ephraim next year, at least for a time. I wrote you how much my daughters and I liked Miss Rea, and wished more of our teachers were like her.

1885, July 18, To – Miss Fannie Burke, Toquerville, Utah.

Rev. G. W. Martin writes that he has let you know that the Board of Home Missions agrees to let you try to support yourself at Toquerville this next year, giving you the use of the Mission property there. Our Woman's Executive Committee assents to this, rather than give up the Mission. I want you to be sure to let Mr. Martin know, and to let us know also, in case you cannot live with sufficient comfort for your health and strength. We do not want you to suffer. Your garden might not do well, or your chickens might come to an untimely end, and you might be put to loss, so remember, my dear young friend, your Heavenly Father does not want you to perish for want of needed supplies. I think the Cincinnati friends understand how the matter is arranged. I have felt you were doing good mission work, although your school was small.

1885 – July –

Circular letter written by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary to workers on the field, but signed also by the president and treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions.

The ink of the first paragraphs being so faded as to be obliterated, the letter is incomplete. It is not dated but was located in the copying book between other letters bearing the date of —
July 22, 1885.

Dear fellow workers, —
Whether in service already, or proposing now to engage in Home Mission

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special correspondence with the Board of Home Missions itself,
and yet with all the true love felt and expressed between women
working together, some at Headquarters, others on the frontiers,
it is needful, as in every association to have certain rules clearly
stated, that work may be done systematically and to best advantage.
The Regulations now brought together have grown, many of them
out of actual practical necessities, rather than to have been cut out
formally in view of possible emergency. Occasionally they may seem
to bear hardly upon individual cases, but believe us, dear
sisters, precious money is given into our charge, and we cannot
allow any mere personal consideration to affect our use of it.
It is for the evangelization of our land to the glory of Christ,
and for many other reasons that donations, often at great
self-sacrifice, come into our Treasury. We are bound to
take large views as to how to spend such money for the best
of the end in view.
Receive then, this little Hand-Book as sent to you with
more loving sympathy than the condensed expressions required for
fear of making it too long may fail to evidence.
Your work in the varied circumstances in which each
teacher finds herself is impossible to specify in every particular.

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It is much of what each worker makes it. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." If you are "willing and obedient" "He will teach us His way." — "The meek will He guide in judgment." — Let us all yield ourselves as instruments at His command. — Then "knit together in love" by Him, perhaps even the more strongly by the very cords or rules inseparable from the relations between us, we wherever placed, may be used together by Him for the establishment of His cause in our beloved land, and so to its advancement throughout the world.

With sincere and personal interest in each one of you individually

Yours truly,

President

Secretaries

Treasurer

1885, July 22, Rev. W. C. Roberts, D.D., Secretary, Board of Home Missions.

Dr. Booth wanted to have a letter to our teachers by way of introduction to the Handbook of Rules, etc.,

I send you one written this morning, subject to rejection, revision or whatever treatment you may choose to give it.

If, as I believe you are to be near New York, (D.V.) had Mr. Boyd better get this Hand Book in type for your convenient examination?

All here are well and hope you are enjoying your ocean cottage.

Yours respectfully,

F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885 — July

Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines

1885, July 2 — To — Mrs. Martha R. Morris, Sisseton Agency, Sisseton,
I see the point of your inquiry about salaries. I would like you to answer one or more questions, x x What arrangements do you individually make about board and lodging? Also about laundry? Some of our assistant teachers in Utah have $300.= a year. Married teachers having part support with their husbands receive $300.=
Miss Robertson in Indian Territory has $250.– and her sister Mrs. Moore who is Superintendent, and whose husband is not on salary $350.– but in these cases board and lodging are provided. You may be sure we and the Board of Home Missions wish to do all that is right about the workers.

1885, July 3d — Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., Englewood, N.J.
I think we need a hand-book of information to be sent to teachers already in service and also to applicants for positions as teachers. This should be quite different from a set of bare rules for those in service or accepted for it. I would like advice on this, and also on two other questions. First, as to arranging topics. Shall we place "Qualifications" at the beginning or allow it to follow information about "applications"? Second, should we number the "Rules" or "Regulations" as in the "Agreement" of our Board of Home Missions, or should we present the facts in less formal order so applicants shall know what the service requires before being required to sign the rules of an "Agreement."
Please note also what is said on page six about teachers paying current expenses of a school before deducting from their tuition received, the fifty dollars ($50.=) due them as additional salary. Information about this seems indefinite. Is it fair to her to ask a teacher to pay for fuel, light, repairs, cleaning, and, perhaps, rent before taking out the fifty dollars. Some teachers might be tempted to economize on the number of meetings held, etc. Much can be said on both sides of the question.

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1885, July 7th To – Mrs. D. E. Finks, Denver, Colo – from Mrs. D. R. James, [illegible]
My dear Madam,–
Rev. George P. Hays, D.D., has written to us, commending for appointment as missionary teacher, Miss Way, formerly employed as governess by Mrs. Bishop Warren. Of course we appreciate most highly Dr. Hays' recommendation, but should like a woman's judgment also, and beg you confidentially to write us all the information you can gain as to her Christian fitness, tact, patience, affability &c. for the work.
As we have the pleasure to include you among our workers for Home Missions we feel free to ask this favor.
We are strong in faith here at the Rooms, but our faith is in Him who will influence His people to do the work which must be done, and our eyes are unto Him.
Yours sincerely,
Mary E. James
for Miss F. A. Dyer

1885, July 10 – To – Rev. R. W. D. Bryan, Albuquerque, New Mex. – from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.
We sympathize with you fully regarding the disadvantages of not having money in hand to meet current expenses by cash or thirty-day payments. Before your letter came our Committee had taken action regarding donations of "special gifts" and we believe, from arrangements made, there will be no future difficulty in forwarding promptly, on demand from the Mission, such sums as are put in our hands for its support.
I think too that Mr. Boyd is to open such an account as you propose for the Albuquerque School, and others as well.

1885, July 31 – To – Mrs. C. E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colo. – from Miss F. A. Dyer.
By a strange misunderstanding no official notice has been sent you of your unanimous, and much rejoiced-over appointment as visitor of our mission schools and such other special work as the Executive Committee shall desire at your hands. I took it for granted that Mrs. Haines had written you of the action of the Committee and the ratification of the same by the Board of Home Missions.
Therefore, now, beloved, as Corresponding Secretary, I write that we anxiously wait to welcome you with loving hearts and open arms as a resident member of New York.

1885 – August (Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, written from Northfield, Mass. Sec'y)

1885, Aug 6 – To – Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Pa.
I did not know that Mrs. Green had proposed another day for prayer. A regular meeting for prayer is now appointed by our Committee to be held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Lecture Room of Dr. Crosby's Church. You will see a notice of it in the September issue of "Presbyterian Home Missionary." I would think it a good idea to take the same date for a more general union in prayer.

1885, Aug 6 – To – Rev. W. C. Roberts, Sec'y
Mr. Boyd writes yesterday, 5th instant, regarding action of the School Committee and Board and other matters. –
"Papagoes and Springfield academy, nothing done. – School Committee do not need to act. All we want is the money." Now we have had this special money paid in. – Such an answer or reason for not building will not, and really ought not to satisfy the contributors. We shall get into more trouble with the societies than even now.
For our credit, that of the Church, it seems to me that money should be borrowed to build among the Papagoes, if not at Springville. Mr. Boyd says no money has been borrowed for our Committee since the $5,000. – through Mr. Fulton.
I write to Dr. Hart to send us his plans, and you think it is not wise to go on. – I think Philadelphia women would be willing to apply their money to some other work. I would be willing to explain all to them, but I cannot tell them the work waits for want of money some of which they paid about three years ago. Please excuse my writing earnestly about this. I understand how with best intentions this has come about, but it cannot satisfy the donors.

1885, Aug 7 To – Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly, N.J.
I want to know about your sick daughter. Which daughter is ill, and what is the matter? I trust this will find her better. It is a rock of comfort to know our Lord has power to heal and will do it if best.
I have written Mrs. Bryan saying that in my absence I had not heard of any day of prayer especially proposed, and have suggested using for it the day appointed for our monthly prayer meeting in New York, also that we should want to extend the scope of the call to include the children in our 84 Mission schools.

1885 — August

(Letters written by Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y)

1885, Aug. 5th – To – Mrs. T. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

I do hope our societies will have patience to wait and see if the stricter rules we have adopted this spring will not give general satisfaction. It is hard to be away from the office but it seems almost necessary. We must believe that this work of trying to save our own country is of the Lord and that He will carry it on with us or without us. I want to trust Him more fully.

1885, Aug. 5, – To – Mrs. W. C. Roberts, New York.

Miss Dyer writes regarding Annual Reports of the Cincinnati meeting, but the manuscript of the stenographer is still missing. She wishes something done about having them printed. I presume it would be well to put them in the September "Presbyterian Home Missionary" without waiting longer for the missing Minutes of our Annual Meeting, though I think you could explain the circumstances. Mrs. Niven has been on a short trip in New York State and finds our work much hindered by serious dissatisfaction with the Board of Home Missions. There is talk even of secession from our Committee. She had some talk with Dr. Kendall and Mr. Boyd; Dr. Roberts was not there, I believe. Possibly, Dr. Henry M. Booth may send to you or else direct to Dr. Roberts an article that may help (D.V.) to quiet things. It is a fact that matters have been carried on too loosely, through pressure of time, but we have new rules now, and let us hope societies will wait to see if they work well. It is God's work. He will carry it on in the best way through us or through others. I am not at all discouraged, but think our Committee may need to be humbled in order to be fitted for better service. Sometimes, for one, I feel as if I had helped to touch the ark of God too hastily.

1885 — August

(Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.)

1885, Aug 13, To — Mr. O. E. Boyd,

Enclosed check for $20.— is from Mrs. Charles Green, of Baltimore, Md., a "special" to pay for a baby organ for Tillie Paul, Tongass, Alaska. We can buy one from Mason and Hamlin for $16.50, the price is $22.00 Mrs. James M. Ham may be away from home, but her husband has been sending freight to Alaska for us free or under reduced rates. It is important to have this started before the boats stop running.

1885, Aug To

Entered into Rest

At Tenafly, New Jersey, August 17th, 1885

Louisa B. Green

President of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions.

The Lord has spoken.– Let us keep silence before Him.

Sisters, we have indeed reason to mourn the loss of the presence and wise counsel of our late efficient and consecrated leader; but may the very fact that having "passed into the heavens" she now realizes more fully and even with more humble gratitude, the honor of being in any sense a co-laborer with Christ, that is the true importance of the mission cause which binds us together, lead us each to pray and to work more earnestly than ever before.

The obituary notice of Mrs. Green will appear in the October number of the "Presbyterian Home Missionary."

Mrs. D. R. James, Pres. pro tem
F. E. H. Haines }
F. A. Dyer } Secretaries

Presbyterian Home Mission Rooms
280 Broadway, New York.

1885 — August (Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Sec'y)

1885 – Aug. 25 — To Mrs. D. R. James, Prospect Grove, Shelter Island, N.Y.

Every day I realize more and more how much we depended on our dear Mrs. Green's strong common sense, as well as consecration of heart. While we look to our Lord for wisdom, we know that the Church is His body, which he uses as a whole through its individual members. If our Home Missions is, as we believe, His work, He will take care of it. I feel like trusting the organization, that will not let it fall through for want of officers needed to complete it. God has guided us wisely in the election of Mrs. Green for seven years, until our Committee is represented in a more unified organization under our King. When she accepted office she said there seemed few passages of Scripture appropriate for a Home Mission meeting, but have you noticed what admirable selections she was led to make? I learned to watch for them, and was glad always when instead of calling on some one else to lead in prayer she would do so herself.

You probably know that her appointment as president of our Executive Committee was most unexpected to her. Other plans had been proposed. She accepted because of true interest in the organization, not willing it should fall through for officers to complete it. She spoke several times of the reflex influence for good in this work, that she had found so real, and she wished others brought into it that they might receive like benefit.

About a card to be sent to our Synodical Committee members, I think as you suggest, it should go to officers of Synodical and Presbyterial Societies. Mrs. Baker can see there are no duplications. It will tend to consolidate the ties binding Presbyterian women to Home Mission effort. In the midst of our sorrow, let me say how glad and thankful I am that God has given you to us.

If a "card" is sent it might go to our 175 teachers. We want them to feel the union that exists as being more than of mere business character.

1885 — August (Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Sec'y)

1885, Aug. 29th To — Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colorado.
It was only last evening that I learned that Mrs. Roberts had written asking you to come on to New York, as soon as you could make it possible; I do hope you will do so. As we send for you, of course we will pay travelling expenses. I hope this will make it possible for Mr. Walker to come with you.

1885, Aug. 29th To — Mrs. Darwin R. James, Shelter Island, New York
I send the last letter to me from Mrs. Green. Two later ones came from her daughter Carrie. I also lend your own letter to me as you may like to use parts of it. Your account of the funeral service could hardly be expressed better. Do not try to condense the obituary notice. Everyone will be interested in all you can say.

1885, Aug. 29, — To — Mrs Gregory, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.
I am sure you will feel with us this unexpected removal from us of Mrs. Ashbel Green. Her disease was typhoid fever, probably taken from a daughter who died two or three weeks or more before her. We have reason to be thankful that the name of our dear Mrs. James stands as first vice president.

1885, Sept. 2, - To - Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D., Princeton, N. J.
Is it in your power as I am certain it is in your willingness to give copies of the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1885, to our Executive Committee? We have more than one secretary and some of our work is done at our homes.
I congratulate you on various welcome improvements.

1885 - Sept. 12 - To Mrs. J. H. Sammis, Waveland, Indiana
The case of your Mission Band is sad, hardly willing to live. Please ask the dear young girls before they conclude to die, to do at least one more act of kindness.
At Payson, Utah, where I was last fall there is an energetic young minister, Rev. J. A. Livingston Smith and a brave interesting woman, his wife who work under great difficulties and discouragements among the Mormons. They have a Chapel used also as a School-room and a belfry, but no bell. I do not ask you to raise money for a bell, but there is a more pressing need, that of hymn books to use for Church and Sunday school. Can you imagine how hard it must be to try to hold meetings without hymn books? Now, will your girls make one more effort to collect money for this need? Twenty-dollars or even less would no doubt be enough. I wish your quilt could go to Mrs. Smith. There are so many children in the family, I am certain it must be wanted. If you could see the homes of some of our missionaries you would be thankful to help make them more comfortable. Some things for Christmas to the same address would give great happiness.

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1885, Sept. 17 _ To _ Mrs Sheldon Jackson, Galesburg, Illinois.
Letters just came from Alaska this morning. We do not wonder you feel anxious for we have been so ourselves.
We infer that Dr. Jackson was well as far as health was concerned, but he is detained at Sitka for another month. The detention, it seems, was caused by the "old officials" who have been superceded, and who managed in some way to get the steamer off without waiting for the new officials placed in office by President Cleveland. We do not know how it was done but the former officials contrived to detain Dr. Jackson on some pretense to appear before the Court before the newly appointed officials should come into power.
I am surprised at what we hear of Captain Carroll. His whole influence has been against our missionaries and the school. Dr. Kendall has gone to Washington, and will use every endeavor to have justice done in Alaska. The wickedness of officials in Alaska is coming plainly to light. We believe the United States naval officers in Alaska will guard Dr. Jackson's rights.

1885 _ Sept. 18 _ Mr. A. E. Austin, Sitka, Alaska
We hear indirectly of Dr. Jackson's arrest as the steamer was leaving, also of other wicked machinations.
I presume Mr. and Mrs Eugene S. Willard are with you now. We agree it was best for them to leave the Chilcat mission.

1885, Sept. 18 _ To Miss Laura P. Halsted, 110 East 37th St, New York
We have plenty of work that ought to be done by some one but it must be done for love only. Miss Dyer is the only secretary on salary here; then we have a stenographer who is also typist.

1885, Sept. 19 To _ Mrs. C. E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colo.
Your letter to Mrs. Roberts is received. I sympathize with you and also with ourselves at the answer you are constrained to give. The Lord is trying us. Our chief adviser, Dr. Henry M. Booth is ill from some kind of sun stroke. Do pray that he may be restored.

1885, Sept. 21 – To – Rev. Geo. F. Whitworth, Seattle, Washington

I write to you as Stated Clerk of the Synod of Columbia, asking that the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions may be remembered in your order of business at the coming meeting of your Synod. I think several changes in the membership of the committee will be necessary. Mrs. A. R. McFarland of Sitka will be away probably for a year; I do not know whether Mrs. T. C. Armstrong has left the bounds of your Synod. I copy a list of the names of officers for your convenience

(Similar notices were sent to Stated Clerks of all other synods.)

1885, Sept. 21, To – Mr. E. M. Fulton, 109 East 21st Street, New York, N. Y.

I spoke to Mrs. Fulton quite informally the other day about the "note" for \$5000.– that gave us so much help through your prompt kindness. You probably know it will soon fall due.
I write to ask if you can do the continued favor of receiving from us \$1000.– only, and then renewing the note for \$4000.– Our debt is not yet paid and it would be a real accommodation to our work if we can have the \$4000.– to use in it.

Can you make an appointment for Mr. O. E. Boyd to call upon you, or could you make it convenient to call here upon him, and so arrange for this business.

With many sincere thanks,

Yours with cordial respect

F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, Sept. 21 – To – Miss Lafon Louisville, Kentucky

As October draws near and the annual meetings of Synods we are reminded that Kentucky is the only Synod that has not yet appointed a Woman's Synodical Committee for Home Missions. You and Miss Quigley are so much interested that I wish your advice as to how to present the matter to your Synod. Every year a note has been sent to the Stated Clerk of your Synod from our office here in New York. Now I hope the matter may have better consideration if the question goes to Synod by an appeal from within your own boundaries. We receive many donations for our work from Kentucky women but these receive credit as if they came from outsiders, and we wish to welcome you all in our Home Missions circle. It is not at all our wish to disturb existing societies in any way, but we need a yearly report of money and help you are giving to our missions. When our debt is paid we hope to go into some effort for the "Mountain Whites" of Kentucky.

1885, Sept. 23 — Miss F. E. Afford, 84 State St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Board of Home Missions agreed yesterday to accept Miss Pierce's proposition to go as your assistant, paying her own travelling expenses and to receive \$8.00 per month for eight months. Shall this be paid to her or to you? If you go south by steamer, perhaps our treasurer here, Mr. O. D. Eaton can obtain some reduction on cost of passage, Please let him know.

1885 – September –

A Circular Letter

Dear Sisters

An invalid member of the New York Synodical Committee of Home Missions, lamenting that she could do but little toward the payment of the "debt" has sent us so valuable a suggestion touching it that we feel constrained to bring it before the several Synodical Committees for their adoption if approved.

The suggestion is this, that the debt be apportioned to the women of each Synod, pro-rata, according to the amount of gifts last year.

You will see by the accompanying carefully prepared statement, what is the balance due from your own synod, according to such appraisement.

May we rely on your hearty co-operation to secure the unpaid balance as soon as possible? The work cannot advance until the debt is paid; yet seldom before have the calls upon us been more urgent, and the opportunities to enter new fields more encouraging.

F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1885 – September

Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, Sept 24 – Mrs. T. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
Mrs. James and I had some talk yesterday about Mrs. W. E. Knox. We think if the New York Synodical Committee should elect her as secretary, our Executive Committee would give her desk room at 280 Broadway and also pay one-third of the small salary required. This, because we might want her to visit societies outside of New York Synod or to give some help for the general work.

1885, Sept 24, – To – Mrs. D. R. James, Prospect Grove, Shelter Island, N. Y.
Miss Dyer brings a report that Mrs. Charles E. Walker is expected in Brooklyn the last of this week. This looks encouraging. If we have her help for a time, also that of Mrs. W. E. Knox and Mrs. Baker to use the typewriter, Mrs Grier will take the "Box" work, then Miss Dyer will have time for correspondence with societies, and to visit them occasionally.
Mr. Boyd thinks Clinton can make out receipts for money. Perhaps Mrs. Baker could "Keep" the books for a time.
May the Lord guide us plainly.

1885, Sept 25, To – Mrs. H. D. Gregory, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa,
The Roman Catholic element is so strong at San Xavier, Arizona that the Indians are oppressed and the determination is to drive them out if possible.
Our Board hoped to locate a school for the Indians there, but Dr. Kirkwood, Synodical missionary for Colorado and Arizona, Rev. Charles Cook of Arizona and Dr. Hart who has been doing the best he could in the school without a new building, are quite convinced that the wiser plan will be to locate the building nearer to the Pimas. The Board have written Dr. Hart that the money is in the treasury awaiting his call whenever the best and safest location can be decided upon by him and Dr. Kirkwood. With all the discouragements and opposition at San Xavier Mr. Hart has accomplished good work, especially in winning the love and confidence of the Indians.

1885, Sept 24 – To – Mrs. E. R. Perkins 1040 Prospect St, Cleveland, Ohio

The emergency is so pressing that our Executive Committee at meetings on the 15th and 22d instants, decided to try the plan for raising our debt which was suggested by Mrs. Ibbotson of Binghamton, New York. It seems best to make the plan widely known, but you will notice its use is not enjoined, only "proposed," "if approved." If adopted, it implies much immediate work on the part of officers and leaders, to carry it to every society and donor the exact amount that we hope to receive from each.

If the women of the Church could see letters coming daily to our office, asking for new schools, help in building and improvements, to all of which we are obliged to answer "No," I am certain the contributions would come in and overflow!

You probably know we were obliged to cut appropriations for this current year so as not to go beyond probable receipts, and be free from debt at our Annual Meeting in May 1886. This retrenching wears upon us more than the work itself. We know the work of the Lord will go on, that His Kingdom will be established in our land and the world, but I sometimes fear our delay in service and want of faith or ability to enter doors He opens before us, may cause Him to find it necessary to use other instruments to do the work in which He now seems ready to use the women and other members of our Presbyterian Church.

1885, Sept. 25, To – Rev. C. M. Parks, Logan, Utah.

Being away from our office during July and August I did not notice that the Synod of Utah held its meeting in August.

I do hope you remembered to appoint a Woman's Synodical Committee for Home Missions.

If so, will you please send me the names and addresses and the Presbyteries where their duties lie?

If no appointment was made, perhaps you have a standing committee that could take the responsibility of giving us this committee so the Presbyterian women of Utah shall have official relations with us here at headquarters in line with the women of other synods. We do not wish to omit the women of Utah from our list of helpers.

Letters from Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

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1885, Sept. 25 – To – Mrs. A. R. McFarland, Sterling, Kansas.
The first meeting for which we need your help will be held at Crawfordsville, Indiana, October 15th, where they are depending on you. From there you will go to an important meeting at Troy, New York, October 21st and 22d; and the following week you will begin attending conventions in Pennsylvania and afterwards in Ohio. With many friends warmly interested in you and your work, I am certain you will receive and give satisfaction.
We are grieved to learn indirectly that after Dr. Sheldon Jackson was actually on board the steamer to come this way, he was arrested on some kind of charge. I fear Capt. Carroll is working against our Missions.

1885, Sept 25, To – Mrs Wm McMurtrey, Newton, N. J. – from Miss Fanny A. Dyer, Sec'y
I scarcely know where to begin in speaking of the needs – shall I say of Our work? Nay, of Christ's work, committed to our hands! I cannot give time to tell you all, but will name sufficient for your presbytery, praying the Lord to enable you to present His claim, and that hearts will be warmed to quick and willing response.
First, we have chapels nearly completed, – others needing enlargement and certain improvements necessary to carry forward the work with reasonable success and comfort for the teacher as well as for the work. I give you a partial list which our Committee regard as pressing:–

Sitka, Alaska – – – – –	$3,364.71
Salt Lake City, Utah	2,080.—
Wheelock, Indian Territory	700.—
Mendon, Utah (new)	750.—
Ogden, Utah	1,200.—

Sums in any proportion to the ability of your auxiliaries will be most gladly received by our Executive Committee.
We also need scholarships at Salt Lake City, $30.00 for day pupils and $100.00 for boarding pupils. In consequence of the painful cutting of salaries of Home Missionaries this year, the Box Work is especially pressing. Money for the debt is coming very slowly, and the hands of our Committee are tied as to a program of work until this terrible incubus is removed.

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Letters from Miss F. A. Dyer, Secy

1885, Sept 30, To - Rev. George W. Martin, Manti, Utah

We have received a letter from Miss Beekman of Mount Pleasant, also a set of Resolutions asking for the "Organization of the Schools in Utah" and asking that the Womans Executive Committee of New York in conjunction with a Committee of those elected by the teachers to proceed at once to the organization.
Will you kindly write us immediately what is your view of this matter, and if you deem it wise for our Committee to give endorsement to the proposal, also mentioning every item of information nessary for our action in the matter?
We are delighted with the "true ring" and spirit of the resolutions and with Miss Beekman's letter. She seems in great haste to dispose of the matter. Let us hear from you at once. Do you know this will be approved by Presbytery?

1885, Sept. 30, - Miss Flora Gilmore, Martinsburg, Ohio

In reply to your inquiry I will give the information that Taos el Prado is one mile and a half from Fernandez de Taos at which point we have another school with Miss Clemmie A. Brown as teacher. There is another school at Taos El Ranchos four miles away where Miss Alice Hyson teaches. Rev. J. F. Romeo and family are stationed at Fernandez de Taos, New Mexico.

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1885, Oct. 5th, To Miss Libbie Thompson, 122 Allen St, Rochester, N.Y.

To save expense we have not had a special certificate for Life-Membership in the Woman's Executive Committee, but have just decided that by some alteration we can have a certificate of our own. Two or three weeks may elapse before it can be ready. Will your friend wait for it? The amount needed will be thirty dollars.

1885, Oct. 6, — To Rev. C. M. Parks, D.D., Logan, Utah

We have heard just this morning from Rev. G. W. Martin that by recommendation of Presbytery and your own consent, Miss Sadie E. Brown has been sent to Mendon. I am now asked to send immediate word to you to keep a sharp look-out upon that young woman. At any sign of flirtation etc., let word be sent here at once, or take such action yourself as you may deem expedient. We think she is not sufficiently stable to be left alone in a place, but hope for the best.

1885, Oct 6 — To Mrs. T. M. Niven, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

About the meeting for organization in New York Presbytery, I think the care and responsibility of it all should rest with the members of the New York Synodical Committee in that Presbytery, and that you should be relieved of work in regard to it. This Presbyterial Committee is organized; it has its President, Secretary and treasurer, also vice-presidents. I think it is a good idea for them to organize a presbyterial society of Home Missions themselves. I really think this will be best. It will then be for Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, President, to preside, or appoint some one to take her place. I think you could tell her, if you will, that she should take the lead. It would not be necessary for either you or me to attend the meeting unless by invitation to speak. When I last saw you I quite forgot that the New York Presbyterial Committee was organized and able to stand alone.

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1885, Oct 9th – To – Mrs. D. E. Finks, Denver, Colorado
The enclosed explanation regarding a new plan for paying our debt does not apply to you, because your synod has given beyond your apportionment. We are very glad to give prominence to your good example, where women are really able to do more than you have done.

1885, Oct. 16, – Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colo.
Dr. Kendall and I attended the Indian Conference last week at Lake Mohonk, and were encouraged at the manifest increase of definite purpose to secure to the Indian his rights. We hope the new Superintendent of Indian Education, Mr. Oberly, who was present, was impressed with the spirit of Christianity present. The proceedings will be printed in full and I hope to send a copy to you.

1885, Oct 16 – To – Rev. Luke Dorland, D.D., Concord, No. Carolina
We are pushing the matter of paying off our "debt." When by the blessing of God this is accomplished, I hope we can be allowed to extend work begun in the South among the "Poor Whites" as well as the Freedmen. People have said to me: You have no idea of the influence for good in North Carolina of Dr. and Mrs. Luke Dorland." We thank God for using you just there. Miss Ufford writes encouragingly of her school. I think it would be well for you to consider carefully what might be done further when we have the means. Propositions in detail are more apt to be accepted than any merely general statements such as are given at a popular meeting.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, Oct 22 — To — Mrs. Sheldon Jackson, 345 No. Kellogg St., Galesburg, Ills.
We have an indefinite report that Dr. Jackson has arrived in Illinois. If true, ask him to let us know. Last letters from Alaska are more encouraging.
Mrs. Charles E. Walker arrived in Brooklyn from Colorado on Saturday evening, but is seriously sick, and we fear she will be unable to do the work for which we especially need her, that of attending a series of meetings.

1885, Oct 22, — To — Miss Mary Lafon, 834 Second St., Louisville, Ky.
We feel that there is an element of strength not attained by any other organization among the women of our Church, because of the close union of our Woman's Executive Committee with the Board of Home Missions. Really we are not hampered, unless it be with the necessities of the case, when we have no money on hands nor any prospect. While it is very hard to refuse promising openings we see with the gentlemen of the Board, it is necessary to wait. If you will send us a communication stating some of the needs in Kentucky, so that as soon as the debt is out of the way, we can know what might be done.

1885 — Oct. 22 — To — Miss Caroline W. Green, Tenafly, N. J.
I write to ask whether the photograph of your dear mother, for which I thank you so much, is the one you would like us to use in securing an enlarged copy, perhaps in crayon, which our Committee desires to have made for our office.

1885, Oct. 23 — To — Rev. J. F. Millspaugh, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Your plan for obtaining a library meets a cordial permission here. The decision is to permit you to solicit friends in Michigan "for books or small sums to buy books". It is desired, however, that you should not ask for these books from societies who are already appropriating their money for the support of schools; but to make applications to individuals. I wish you success in filling a need so important.

1885 — October — Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1885, Oct 23 — To — Miss Kate W. Hamilton, Bloomington, Ills.
Will you please let me know whether you are secretary of Bloomington Presbyterial Society or of Bloomington church society?
You ought to be very thankful as we are, that you are able to do so much good writing facinating stories; like Dicken's school boy, we ask for "more." When can you favor us? A story has been running as a serial in the Presbyterian Home Missionary which, I think, is nearly finished. Can you furnish something for such use?

1885, Oct 25 — To — Mrs. Fannie Cooper, Allegheny, Penna., from F. A. Dyer.
Mrs. A. R. McFarland is not at Fort Wrangel. It was thought best to enlarge the school at Sitka, having separate departments for boys and girls. Mrs. McFarland has charge of the home for girls, and Mr. Austin that for boys. When Dr. Jackson came east, he told the Woman's Executive Committee that because of her very long service, Mrs. McFarland was greatly in need of rest. Our ladies at once resolved that she should come east for a year with continuation of salary. She is here at this time and will visit churches and societies as she has opportunity. Correspondence with Alaskan missionaries is rather discouraging because of the long time necessary to receive a reply.

1885, Oct 26, — To — Miss Ada O. Bodine, Park Hill, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter.
Do you wish us to understand that <u>you</u> have been required to meet the transportation charges of $19.50 on the desks from Gibson Station If so, you should always send a bill on a separate slip of paper which can be filed for reference with business papers. Your letters containing other matters cannot be thus filed. Our Committee cannot instruct you as to the number of free pupils you should receive until we know the <u>grade</u> of your school. x x Use your own judgment in charging for music lessons, use the money received for current expenses of the school, and report quarterly the money received and that which you expend. — Signed, F. A. Dyer

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Excerpts from letters of F. E. H. Haines
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1885, Oct. 26 – Mrs. Sarah E. Knapp, 64 De Hart Place, Elizabeth, N.J.
When God's children consider themselves necessary to His work, they make their greatest mistake, no matter how marked are their gifts for service, or how necessary to the success of the Lord's cause.
I think the loss of our beloved Mrs. Green has shown me this in a new light. It seemed that we could not go on without her. But when I see how her going has opened the way to bring dear Mrs. James to us, though she lives so far from New York. I see how He is leading her mind into new lines of administrative power, just suited to the development of the work. This comes to us afresh at each meeting. I say again, and again: "God knows best! He doeth all things well!"

Signed by F. A. Dyer.

1885, Oct. 26 – To – Mrs. T. Hamlin, c/o Mrs. Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio.
You ask about Mrs. E. N. Crosby, who has recently become interested in Home Missions. She has been made President of the New York Presbyterial Society of Home Missions, just organized, but will be away several months as she sailed for Europe on Saturday. Mrs. James is doing excellently well as leader pro tem. She and Mr. James say that petitions to Congress have a great effect, and it is possible that we shall send out forms of the petition, or memorial, to Congress in regard to Mormonism very soon. Perhaps this will reach you at Cleveland.

1885, Oct. 27 – To – Mrs. E. S. Willard, Sitka, Alaska.
I write today for another installment of logs, trimmed in the carpenter's sense of the term. I find that people are ready to buy them with more interest, not only because the wood comes from Alaska, but because they have been prepared by Alaskan Indian boys. I could have sold a hundred or more if I had had them at Troy a few days ago.
When writing please tell me whether the launch ever came to you at the Chilcat Mission. If so, where is it now? How much did it cost? Does it answer its purpose well? Was it named the "Glendina"? This would be for Dr. Wilson Phraner's wife, mother-in-law and daughter. He took so much interest in raising the money for this launch, giving over \$70.– himself that I was hopeful this name might be given to it.

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1885, Oct. 27 – To – Mrs. W. M. Ferry, Park City, Utah.
Your long and interesting letter about he schools in Utah is received. x x We have passed resolutions of approval of the plans proposed for unifying the methods, books, etc. in Utah schools, and ~~they~~ are still under consideration as to details. You will be sorry to know that Mrs. Charles E. Walker was taken ill on her way here, and may not be able to work for several weeks. She is improving slowly.

1885, Oct. 27 – To – Mrs. J. E. Boynton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
It is not unusual for a Synodical Committee to hold its meeting in advance of that of Synod. It is almost necessary to do it, because most synods like to receive the list of those who are to be appointed on the Synodical Committee of Home Missions; and it answers every purpose to elect the officers at this meeting held just previous to ~~that of synod~~, when the action of Synod will confirm this election, though the synod does not elect the synodical officers who are elected by the women at their own meeting. This was not done in Iowa. If your societies seem to be satisfied with the present officers, there can be no objection to having them continue for this year. If you have a meeting before October 1886 you could have an election then.

1885 – Oct. 29 – To – Mrs. M. E. Goodman, Kendallville, Indiana.
We have heard to our great encouragement from Mrs. J. F. Kendall regarding the meeting at Crawfordsville. After all your difficulties there, you will be glad to know that Mrs. Newell reports that Indiana is organized for Home Missions work, better than any other place she has visited.

1885 – Oct. 29 – To – Mrs. Albert K. Smiley, Lake Mohonk, N. Y.
Since my return I have wanted to send a few words of thanks, not only for myself, but for our Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, for your exceeding kindness to me when at the recent conference. We believe the influence of the conferences will be felt for good all over the country, so that you and Mr. Smiley have reason to be thankful that your cordial hospitality will meet such reward.

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1885 — Oct. 29, — To — Mrs. M. D. Gould, Belle Vernon, Pa.

Give my love to the dear members of your Circle to whom I really have not time to write except a few words regarding Miss Alice Robertson. They would be greatly interested to help her in any way. She is the daughter and granddaughter of a missionary to the Indians, and is herself one of the most energetic and charming workers we have. Perhaps the Indians like her more because they prefer a teacher with light hair and complexion. I wish you could see her and her sister Grace who also is a missionary in Indian Territory

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1885, Nov. 4, — To — Mrs. B. M. Kerr, Doylestown, Ohio
We have your letter concerning Scholarship No. 2 in Mrs. Willard's School, Haines, Alaska for the year 1884 — 1885.
I think it is due you to know that Mr. and Mrs. Willard have left the school at Haines, Alaska, partly on account of Mrs. Willard's health and partly because of the hostility of the Indians who were aroused by the bad white officials. Would you be willing to apply your scholarship money to some other needy point?

1885, Nov. 5 — To — Mrs. J. P. Ringwalt, Germantown, Penna.
Your account of methods adopted for bringing into work for Home Missions, so many women who are obliged to labor to support themselves is most interesting. Give cordial Christian greetings to your Band.

1885, Nov. 6, To — Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C.
Dr. Booth writes that his health is improving, but we cannot proceed with the "Hand-Book for Teachers" until he is able to see it. We think it very important to have it the best possible, but this delay is unavoidable.
A letter has come from Dr. Jackson. His statements regarding Judge Ward McAllister make it most undesirable that he should be sent back by President Cleveland to Alaska. Dr. Jackson thinks it is due to his influence that we have lost #7000. — for Alaskan schools this year. Not knowing what has been done or said here regarding Judge McAllister, Dr. Jackson wanted us to send out a private letter at once to the secretaries of our societies, also to conventions in progress, asking that petitions against his reappointment be sent to the President. As Judge McAllister's father has been at our office and reported that the President was not willing to reinstate his son unless by request of the persons who considered themselves injured by him, we conclude that the matter is quite safe, and that it would be unwise to petition the President for something already settled.
Could you find out whether there is any danger now of Judge Ward McAllister's re-appointment as Judge at Sitka, Alaska? The new Governor has called the Indians together, and strongly recommended that they send their children back to our Mission Schools. The new Judge Dancho joined the Governor in this advice to the Indians.

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1885, Nov. 6th To— Mrs. J. W. Hanna, Quenemo, Kans.
Many synodical societies do not have a treasurer, preferring that the Presbyterial Treasurer communicate directly with headquarters. This serves perfectly well.

1885— Nov. 7— To— Mrs. D. E. Finks, Denver, Colo.
I am so sorry those "debt circulars" have given you anxiety. You have enough of other cares. They were sent to Colorado to show how that synod had already exceeded its apportionment, viz $146.00 You had given $254.40 even before September 1st, making $108.40 more than the amount asked. We would that other synods had done as well.
With love to your dear little daughter.

1885, Nov 6, To— Miss Maggie Ramsay, Scipio, Utah.
More than 200 poor, deluded creatures landed in New York yesterday under convoy of about 25 Mormon emissaries.

1885, Nov. 7th To— Rev. Sheldon Jackson, 345 No. Kellogg Street, Galesburg, Ills.
On my return to the office this morning I was thankful to find your letter of the 3 inst. You do not know what a relief it is to all here to have you safe out of Alaska. You ought to have seen Dr. Robert's face when we learned first that you had reached Nanimo, as he was afraid for your life.
The sending of the petitions you urge assure us that you are not aware of the present state of the case. The father of Judge McAllister has seen the President who positively declined to reinstate his son, except at the request of those who thought they had been injured by him; I have written Mrs. James to learn at once whether there is any danger of his being sent back.
Our Committee sent a card last week of acknowledgment to President Cleveland telling him how much we appreciate his attitude in regard to our work in Alaska. I hope it reached him. It was marked "personal." Rev. S. C. Beattie of Chester, N. Y. who was on the steamer at the time you were arrested at Sitka, made a fine address on Wednesday at Trenton. He spoke of Alaskan schools and of the great self-sacrifice of our missionaries he had seen there, and the noble character of them as a class. We are thankful that President Cleveland and Judge Dawes have taken such a right stand regarding our schools in Alaska.

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1885, Nov. 7 — To — Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison, N. J.
Let me advise you, if Mrs. McFarland should come to you, do not ask her to speak at a public meeting in the evening, as I have reason to believe that she does not do so well as in an afternoon gathering for women.

1885, Nov. 9 — To — Mrs. W. K. Morris, Sisseton Agency, Dakota.
Miss Dyer is obliged to give up work on account of health, so your letter comes to me for a reply.
We were hoping you could get on without additional help, though we are on the lookout for the Sisseton Agency School in case of need. But we cannot recommend Miss Harman to the Board of Home Missions for commission as she could not meet one of its rules, not being a member of the Presbyterian Church. We need a little more information as to the present state of this Dakota Mission. You must excuse my writing for it after all the letters you have sent on the subject in the past.
How many scholars have you? Are they all boarders? How many boys and of about what ages? Ditto about girls? Do you need any bedding, such as quilts, sheets, pillow-cases? Do you need clothing for the pupils and of what kind? What will the boys' dormitory cost? How much for furnishing? What will be the average cost of furnishing a room? How much money for the building or furniture has come to you? Can you buy the furniture nearer than Chicago? If not, just what articles, and of what style would you like?
How do you divide your work? I suppose Mr. Morris does not have time to teach? For the others, please send a statement of the duties of each, including yourself. Having given you the privilege of an extra teacher when you were ill we hope we can be spared the additional expense of another helper, but we earnestly desire to have the school conducted to best advantage.

1885, Nov. 9 — To — Rev. George Alexander, D.D., New York City.
While it is important to give our home missionaries all aid and comfort possible in sending boxes, these do not help to support and carry on the School Work of the Board of Home Missions which as you know, by order of the General Assembly is given to the women of the Church. So I cannot fail to hope that the women of your own church will come to our aid further after the "Box" is off. There is so much new work to be done in addition to what is already begun. In Utah especially are calls for immediate effort. Perhaps some of your ladies will call to see us now, at our new office in the Stewart Building, 280 Broadway.

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Lit prepared by Miss F. E. Eaton

1885, Nov. 9 — Leaflets sent to John A. Black, Presbyterian Board of Publication 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Penna., at the suggestion of Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg, Penna., for the greater convenience of the Philadelphia Community.

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1885, Nov. 9 – To – Mrs. G. A. Maxwell, 68 Madison St., Baltimore, Md.
Mrs. A. R. McFarland is attending meetings that may occupy her time until the middle of December. You, Miss Sunderland and Mrs. James must decide whether it is best to wait so long before organizing your Presbyterial Home Mission Society.

1885, Nov. 9 – To – Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Erie, Michigan.
The pro-rata plan for raising the debt was not made sufficiently plain. From Michigan we hope to receive toward the debt $822. This sum you should distribute among your presbyterial societies according to their several abilities, of which we have no means of judging, except from the amount given by each last year. To September last, Detroit Presbyterial Society had paid $99.25 toward the debt. This amount should be deducted from the total receipts from that presbyterial and the balance apportioned to the local societies according to their gifts ~~to their gifts~~ of the last fiscal year. – We hope the debt may soon be out of the way. It is a real stumbling block.

1885, Nov. 10 – To – Mrs. Laura G. Shrom, Cadiz, Ohio.
Mrs. Willard's school (at Chilcat, Alaska) has been abandoned for the winter on account of the opening of a whiskey establishment that so affects the Indians as to make it unsafe for our teachers to remain there. We hope to resume as soon as this plague can be removed. How dreadful that our new Government should permit this! Mrs. Willard is at Sitka at present and her personal wants are supplied. If you would do something for the school your donations would be acceptable. Send us all the money you can, for it is needed for a great variety of purposes. If every woman in our Presbyterian Church would give a-penny-a-day, our treasury would be full, and our hearts glad! Then we could respond to many applications that now have to be entirely refused.

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1885, Nov. 10, — To — Miss S. Flora Gilmore, Martinsburg, Ohio.
A very urgent request has come from Idaho for 14 schools and Churches needed immediately. They are calling for them, but, alas, alas, we cannot send one teacher to them for the want of money! It is a shame to our Presbyterian Church that its Mission Boards should be so hampered. If the women and children were all up and doing what they might there would be no cause for lamentation. (signed by Mrs. W. E. Knox)

1885, Nov 10 — To — Miss Clara Pierce, American Fork, Utah.
I have just heard from Miss M. J. Peck, Elizabeth, New Jersey, of your application for $50.— for the support of your little pupil, Ida. I do not have her surname. The Society in Elizabeth is very kind in promising the money to meet this, but the whole arrangement has been done in rather an irregular way, that might make trouble if done by other teachers and societies! It would have been more in order for you to have written to our office first, also for the Westminster Society to have done the same. However, we shall not now cancel the agreement. The method to be followed hereafter will be for you to add to your quarterly report the amount per week "for board of Ida". Send to me also a duplicate of this "special account," after the receipt of which, if the money is on hands, it will be forwarded to you. × × Do not let this trouble you. We hope all will go on well. Taking the work as a great whole, you know we must guard against precedents, not in the regular order.

1885, Nov. 10, To — Rev. C. C. Beattie, Chester, N.Y.
If I were to say how thankful I am you are able to make such a telling presentation of Alaska, in its varied aspects, also of the self-denials of our Home Missionaries, I fear it might make you vain! We are glad for such acceptable help from you. When answering requests for speaking engagements it would be well for you to mention some sum in addition to travelling expenses. Please excuse the suggestion, and also the request which seems important to make. Please do not make the school of Mrs. S. Hall Young so prominent by giving it so much commendation. By her rather irregular and independent course she tends to demoralize the systematic way in which it is important for our societies to work for Home Missions. Thus far she has been unwilling to come under the rules of the Board of Home Missions whose missionary teachers render a quarterly report, certifying work performed, after the receipt of which their salaries are paid. Mrs. Young prefers to receive money direct, and to be held responsible to no board about the use of it. You can imagine the confusion if such methods prevailed all over the country.

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Nov. 11 – To – Mrs. Laura A. Skinner, Westfield, N.Y.
The generous proposal of Mrs. Hungerford comes to us as a refreshing breeze. It is wonderfully encouraging to know of what is in her heart to do. – Of course it would interest Mrs. Hungerford most to support a teacher in her own seminary at Springville, Utah; that will not be organized for work, before October, 1886. We like to have any such promise made for at least three years, for you see, if suddenly given up, or at the end of a year or two, we should be left without definite provision for the work commenced. Please present my respects and congratulations to Mrs. Hungerford that she is able thus to "bring forth fruit in old age."

1885, Nov. 12 – To – Mrs. F. M. Cummings, Goshen, N.Y. (Signed by Mrs. A. W. Knox)
Replying to your proposal that I visit all the churches in your Presbytery, I make the following suggestions after consulting Mrs. Neves and Mrs. Haines. Could you arrange for meetings at central points where several churches can conveniently meet. Hold a meeting for ladies and also, one for children at each center, and aim to make quite an occasion of it, and bring together as many as possible. Owing to illness among the office workers here, correspondence is woefully behind and I have been retained to help Mrs. Haines out of her multiplied perplexities, and she thinks it would be difficult to spare me long enough to visit all your churches.

1885, Nov. 12 – To – Rev. D. J. McMillan, D.D., Deer Lodge, Mont.
Were any women in the Presbytery of Montana placed on the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions in the Synod of Utah? If not, is there a Committee with power, to act ad interim? We have names from Rev. C. M. Parks for the presbyteries of Utah and Wood River. Indirectly I learn that the importance of your college is being recognized more.

1885, Nov. 13 – To – Mrs. A. E. Smith, Muncie, Ind. (Signed by Mrs A. W. Knox.)
I love children and have long worked among them. "Children's Work for Children" is the way to secure, hereafter, "Woman's Work for Woman."

1885, Nov. 14 – To – Mrs. L. J. Riale, Williams, Iowa. (Mrs. W. E. Knox)
Mrs. Haines asks me to write that "She hopes you will not be discouraged in your efforts, but remember how the quarry-men have to pound, and pound and pound before any results seem to follow but the end is satisfactory. So we hope your continued and repeated efforts will be rewarded. Those with you are more than those against you.

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1885, Nov. 14 — To — Mrs. E. P. Pratt, Portsmouth, Ohio

Our pupils in Utah come chiefly from Mormon families, seventy-five per cent are Mormon. Although many Mormons are able to pay tuition for their numerous progeny, they are not willing. The children are left so much to themselves that often they go where they please. One boy who had been three months at a mission school without interference from home, corrected his father one morning in the quotation of a passage of Scripture, and when the father asked if he had been to "that Presbyterian school," he flogged the boy for it when he acknowledged it. But after two or three days the boy returned to school.

1885, Nov. 16 — To — Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd Dodge (Mrs. D. Stuart Dodge) 225 Madison Ave, New York

After all my planning either to see you or to write something of what is in my heart in the way of congratulations to both you and Mr. Dodge, here I am at the close of another busy day, just asking you for a further favor in a rather business-like way. — We are sending out circulars to all the new members of Synodical Committees all over the land, and our supply of your little "tractate" about "Poor Whites" is exhausted. Can you send us some more? 1000 copies, more or less, could be used to help educate public sentiment to what we hope may be done.

1885, Nov. 19 — To — Mrs. N. O. Lattimore, 1416 Montana St., Chicago, Ills

Enclosed is the address of a Mexican missionary who we know is doing a good work among his own people. — By a velvet lined bonnet, he probably meant a winter bonnet; and linen shirts would be only linen busoms, linen skirts, — muslin or summer skirts. Being a foreigner he naturally mis-spells a little; so we bespeak for him your Christian charity, both to cover his body and all of his mistakes.

1885, Nov 19 — To — Mrs. E. S. West, 58 W. 55th St., New York City

I am sorry for you, but the best our Committee could do on Tuesday was to appoint me to attend your meeting on the 24th inst. I wrote you that Miss Dyer had left, and no one else seems to be available for your purpose.

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1885, Nov. 19 — To — Mrs. Emily Baker, Brooklyn, N.Y.
I feared that Mr. Richmond was more ill than you supposed when you spoke of the delirium. — When the news came our Committee was in session on Tuesday, and Mrs. Knox proposed that we pause in our business and commend you and your sister and family to our loving Master. All joined earnestly in the prayer offered.

1885, Nov. 20 — To — Mrs. C. N. Wilder, Champaign, Ills.
No one would suspect you of lack of interest in Home Missions, and I like you to write freely and confidentially. We need here to feel the pulse of sentiment among the workers elsewhere. — We do not presume to dictate to the Synodical or Presbyterial societies in our Church but only to suggest what might be done. —
As to the plan of dividing the debt among our workers, while we believe the Lord will remove it, we think it seems right to use the means that may attain the end by His blessing. Suppose we take for granted that every good Presbyterian woman gives according to her ability (which, we fear, is not true), we have no way of judging of the ability of our societies except by the gifts already received from each. Upon this we base the pro-rata apportionment proposed, not ordered. Again, is it not on the Gospel plan of reward, that to her who has done well, more shall be given to do?
The apportionment is not based on individuals but on societies. It was a good idea mentioned here a few days ago, that societies secure new members to help meet this extra call. Then the old members would not be taxed. This would be one way for meeting your idea of raising the debt. But to whom in this emergency should we apply if not to friends who have been faithful? For instance, you have 55 churches in your own presbytery. If you wished to raise some little extra object such as a bell for your special mission, would you not naturally turn to the 29 churches which have already helped to sustain it, instead of applying to the 26 churches who have as yet given nothing and show little interest?
You will be glad to know Mrs. Walker is better and has begun work in our office.

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1885, Nov. 20, — To — Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Boyd wants 50 cents more per week for Clinton Gray. It may be expedient to grant it. He is looking for some other place, so this would be only temporary. The cyclostyle works well. We shall have to take action about Mrs. Walker's position. At present she is Vice-President for Colorado. Writing to those who know her, this is understood, but she signs my name as secretary when writing others. Please consider the matter of salary. We promised $100.— a month for three months only. When working for us, Mrs. Knof thought $2.50 a day a very generous offer. Mrs. Walker keeps at work bravely.

1885 — Nov. 24 — To — Mrs. M. McCogney Connellsville, Pa.

You say it is hard to arrange for the Annual Meeting "without conflicting in some way with the Foreign Missionary Society." In many places we find it a great advantage to hold the Home and Foreign meetings in the same place on consecutive days; this saves expense in traveling, and many of our workers are interested in both meetings. In Pennsylvania it has been Mrs. Bryan's idea to hold a meeting of the Synodical Committee only once in three years, but in the meantime to magnify the importance of the annual Presbyterial Meetings. Your plan is very good to divide the presbytery into districts, putting each in charge of two members of the Executive Committee of the Presbyterial Society. We leave all such details to the women of the presbytery. Circumstances vary greatly in different places.

You have just the right plan for luncheon. I wish it could be adopted everywhere. Let those who come bring bread and butter or what they choose and leave to the friends at the place of the meeting to provide coffee only. Extravagant luncheons prepared at great expense of time and money cause us to wish that their cost had been placed in our treasury. You speak of our loss in Mrs. Green's death.

We are greatly favored in having Mrs. D. R. James of Washington, who was Vice-President take the place of Mrs. Green until the next election in May 1886. She comes twice a month from Washington to attend our meetings.

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1885 – Nov. 25 – To – Miss F. A. Dyer, Covington, Tioga Co., Penna.
Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Walker are both here today, which is encouraging. Mrs. Baker was away ten days on account of the sickness and death of her brother-in-law. We hope your health continues to improve.

1885, Nov. 25, – To – Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penna.
If you will prepare a letter that will answer for every presbytery we will have it copied for you here on a new convenience, called a "Cyclostyle"; and furnish as many as you wish to use. This might save your time and take very little of ours. – We find it a very simple method of allotting the debt to ask every society to raise for it one-third of what they gave to our work during the year ending March 31, 1885.
Mrs. Knox has just returned from a raid into Hudson Presbytery, New York. A plan she proposed was received with enthusiasm; She asked each woman to give a penny-a-day for thirty days. Can you use this idea, perhaps?
We cannot think even of having a paper for ourselves outside of the Presbyterian Home Missionary. There is more printed now than people will read. Another year we may have our Annual Report published as a number of the Presbyterian Home Missionary, and so reach all ministers and perhaps 20,000 or more other families. Our Annual Meeting must be held at the time of General Assembly; those of Synodical Committees and Presbyterial Societies can be held "alone" to advantage.

1885, – Nov. 25 – To – Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C.
It would do your heart good to come into our office today, and to find five of us at work: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Baker, Florence Eaton and myself! Mrs. Baker was away nine or ten working days, or about one third of a month. Shall she be paid in full for this month of November? It would mean about twenty dollars for no work done.

1885, Nov. 25 – To – Mrs. H. C. Doll, 616 Stout St., Denver, Colo.
Miss Dyer has felt constrained to send in her resignation. Her absence necessarily increases labor at this very busy season in our work, and your letter has waited for a reply

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1885 – Nov. 27 – To – Miss Lillie C. Flint, St. Paul, Minn (by Mrs. W. E. Knox)
This work is a grand triangle of which two sides form the places ready on one hand for schools, the teachers ready to go to them; but the base and very essential line is wanting; namely, the money! For this we look eagerly to our great Church and are straining every nerve to raise the needed money.

1885 – Nov. 28 – To – Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C.
My pulse beats quicker and my heart warms as I begin to address you. I wish we could see you in ~~one~~ this busy room daily.
I feel anxious about the stereopticon. We have so many calls for Sunday school exercises and entertainments, I feel we are losing golden opportunities by having nothing with which to respond.
I would like to devote all of my time to Sunday school work. I believe it would yield rich returns.
In return for my inquiries, I find we can obtain a complete outfit, including instrument, slides enough to begin and a curtain for about fifty dollars. ($50.=) We could rent the outfit for five dollars for each using, and, I believe, soon refund the money, and afterwards ~~find~~ find the equipment a source of good income. My daughter rents a curtain for that price and has cleared almost a thousand dollars in less than five years. I believe such a stereopticon would be very popular, and something new. We can have slides made from local illustrations at, probably, fifty cents each. Mrs. Haines and I would like your opinion.
(by Mrs. W. E. Knox)

1885, Nov. 28 – To – Miss Maggie J. Cort, St. George, Utah.
We know very well that St. George is a difficult mission. Although you have known of conditions in South Utah, I do not wonder that your heart quite fails at times. It is good to know, however, that you are not responsible for results. The Lord himself knows just what you are attempting to do, and He receives it as being done for Him. This thought is a comfort always when our plans lack apparent success.
You speak of having ten pupils. The instruction you are giving them may yet prove fertile, who knows!
Be sure to write when you feel like doing so, to one who really cares for you and your work.
(Mrs. F. E. H. Haines)

1885 – Nov. 28 – Miss Cushman, 170 Ninth Avenue, New York City
I am certain you have been interested in the reports of the visit of the Committee appointed at Lake Mohonk to interview President Cleveland. He certainly seems disposed to do what is right regarding the Indian question and took a firm stand to have the Missions in Alaska protected in the future from such troubles with officials as they had with those first sent there. They have been superceded by others who seem to be more in accord with our wishes as well as in favor of justice.

1885, – Nov. 28 – Mrs. C. E. Coulter, Box 258, Pittsburgh, Penna.
The list giving the name of one teacher in each mission of the Freedmen's Department was received, and I am quite hopeful that a copy of each issue of the Presbyterian Home Missionary will be mailed to them. Please inquire whether the paper is received when you write to them.

1885, Nov. 30 – Miss Richardson, Louisville, Ky.
I am not certain that you have received information about the Indian Cottage question. The way is prepared now to receive contributions for essentially the same purpose. Rev. Charles H. Cook of Sacaton, Arizona, is planning to take several young Indian couples into his own home as soon as provision can be made for them. The young men will be trained to do farming and simple mechanics, and the young women plain house-keeping, cooking, sewing, etc. We understand that Miss Alice Fletcher is pleased with what Dr. Cook proposes to do. Later some cottages might be built according to the original idea.
It is very encouraging that at last the Kentucky Synod has given us a Synodical Committee, so necessary that the women may become officially connected with our Woman's Executive Committee. Contributions already received have proved their heart-unity in the work.

1885 - Nov. 30 - Mr. George B. Roberts, President of Pennsylvania R.R., Philadelphia, Pa.

Since the death of our President, Mrs. Ashbel Green, our Vice-President, Mrs. Darwin R. James of Brooklyn, N.Y., but during the sessions of Congress living at Washington, D.C. where her husband is a member of that body, presides at the business sessions of our Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. These meetings are held twice each month and on occasion more frequently. Her presence is very important to the interests of our work.

I write therefore to ask the great favor of a "pass" on your railroad for Mrs. James to travel to and from this city and Washington to aid the missionary work of our organization. We understand that some railroads have granted a similar privilege to women belonging to the missionary society of the Methodist Church.

By order of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Your respectfully

F. E. H. Haines, Secy

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1885, Dec. 2 — To Rev. Charles H. Cook, Sacaton, Arizona.
You must have heard through Mr. O. E. Boyd how greatly we approve your plan to educate young Indian couples into right ways of civilized life. It is exceedingly kind of you and Mrs. Cook to undertake this sort of training in your own family.
I have written friends in Kentucky whom Miss Fletcher interested in the plan for building cottages for Indians, but I think you can secure better results by your method.
Will you calculate as definitely as possible, without having experience what the cost will be? Tell us also if you have in mind particular young married couples who might benefit by the plan.
If bedding or other supplies will be needed, give us facts that we can pass on to societies that might furnish them. If this arrangement is approved, you might add the bill, in duplicate, to your quarterly report: one for the treasurer's office and the other for our Woman's Executive Committee.

1885. Dec. 3 — To Mrs. H. F. Black, Bellaire, Ohio.
About Alaska. By last accounts Mrs. Eugene S. Willard is still alive, but was obliged to leave her own mission for the winter and to go to Sitka. This was because of trouble with the new officials sent there, who did not plan to protect the lives of the missionaries. They allowed the manufacture of Hoochinoo and and it was not safe for Mr. and Mrs. Willard to be so far from the protection of other missionaries. When there a year ago I was astonished at her delicate appearance and the amount of work she had been able to accomplish.

1885, Dec. 4 — To Mrs. W. F. Cummings, Knoxville, Tenn.
At last the Synod of Kentucky has come into line, appointing a Synodical Committee of women, so the Kentucky societies are now officially connected with us, as you in Tennessee have been from almost the beginning of the organization of our Executive Committee. This action of Kentucky completes the circle, but now we feel that the organization is after all, but a small part; that we need the constant power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through the complete circle of those included in it.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1885, Dec. 5th, To – Mrs D. R. James, Washington, D.C.
I am sorry to send an answer so unsatisfactory. In regard to Railroad fare, our Committee insists upon paying your expenses, and hopes to see you without fail on the 15th. Possibly you can go to my Henry's wedding, though this is asking much of you.
We are very hopeful here about the immediate outlook. Mrs. Knox is doing grandly. Dr. Roberts is so pleased he sent word by Mrs. Roberts that we ought to secure her by all means, even up to $1500.– per year, but, I fear, Japan stands in the way pro-tem. You and Mrs. Niven will have to settle about her when you come. Mrs. Walker can stay until March or later but says that unless Mr. Walker comes into some business she could not get on without the $100.– per month for these three months. She could make $150.– per month at Poncha Springs, I understand. This you will see about when you come.
Now, praise be to God! Our receipts to December first are equal to those of March first 1884 to 1885. With such indications, even though this sum included money for the debt, can we expect a blessing if we do not take some onward steps?

1885, Dec. 7 – To Mrs. E. H. Dickinson, Knoxboro, N.Y. (Letter written by "E. B.")
Miss Dyer has been obliged to give up the work at our office on account of ill health.

1885 – Dec. 8 – To – Miss Maggie Freeburn, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Your card is received and we give you the name of Miss. F. E. Ufford, White Hall Seminary, Concord, North Carolina, to whom your aid will be most acceptable. Miss Ufford asks for "simple Christmas gifts": collars, ties, hose, ruffles for neck, ribbons. In all there are forty-two pupils. I send all I can find about our work among the "poor whites," but we have very little.

1885, Dec. 8 – To Mrs. George E. Sterry, 239 Madison ave., New York, N.Y.
The facts about Samaria, Idaho, are briefly — according to the wife of a missionary living near:
Samaria is almost a solidly Mormon town. Unlike most, or I could say safely, all the strictly Mormon towns, the people are asking for a Presbyterian teacher for their children. Seeing the good done by our school at Malad, they ask for one also. Must it be denied them? A school of 20 or 25 children are waiting.

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1885, Dec. 9th To- Rev. W. C. Roberts, D.D., ——— Ohio,
Can you return the "Course of Study for Utah Schools" given to you for light reading in the cars? The School Committee meets D.V. next
All is well here, and we are gladly thankful for the $30,000.- ($10,000. for debt) from Dr. Hall's church (Fifth Avenue, New York, Presbyterian). This leaves the whole debt $45,000.=

1885, Dec. 9th- To- Mrs. R. H. Allen, Pittsburgh, Penna.
How many teachers have you commissioned in the Freedmen's Department? By last accounts the number was 13, but that was before your Texas movement. We are sending to Boston for some small-scale maps, showing the illiteracy of the land, which I think you could use to advantage. If we succeed in procuring them, will send a sample to you.

1885, Dec 9th- To- Mrs. J. C. Gallup, Clinton, New York.
We have no recent leaflets showing pressing needs in the west, but I write out a short list of new calls:-

Fourteen points in Idaho, where schools are needed: Salary of each teacher $450.- per year. Some buildings would be needed for them.-
Property at Antonito, New Mexico, needed for Mission use, bought by Miss Lexie Barlow to secure it, but a burden to her- $600.-
New room for boys at the very successful Mission among the Creek Indians at Nuyaka, Ind. Ter.
We need $300.- for salary of Kindergarten teacher waiting to work at Salt Lake City, Utah.
A number of schools need furniture, books, black-boards; Five bells and several organs are requested.

1885, Dec. 9th- To- Mrs. Eugene C. Allen, Ludington, Michigan.
You would be surprised were you here at our office to see how the calls are increasing. Woodriver Presbytery in Idaho asks us to establish fourteen new schools, giving the locations for them in their order of importance, but until this debt is out of the way we are not to begin any new work, unless provided by special promises of support. We believe God will open the way soon for a more onward movement.

1885, Dec. 11 – To – Rev F. B. Dwight, 175 Second Ave, New York,
Who could decline an invitation so cordially given as is yours. x x
So please expect me for your meeting as proposed. And I am glad to accept in advance what your mother may say about lunch, if still convenient to her, for I have a meeting the same day in the morning in Dr. Crosby's Church Parlor. As you propose inviting Sunday school children, I think of sending over some small totems to show them. I expect my Frank next week as his brother is to be married next Tuesday. I do not know his plans but suppose he should take my place this time, I could come almost at any time. He has a lecture on Alaska and you could telegraph him to bring it. You know he was with me when I was there. I would like to hear Frank myself.

1885, Dec. 9 – To – Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colo. (Letter by Mrs. C. E. Walker)
Colorado Synod will gain much by putting Mrs. D. E. Finks at the head of the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions. I will write to her soon.

1885, Dec. 12, To – Rebecca A. Mechlin, Edderton, Penna. (Letter written by Mrs. W. E. Knox)
The call for Alaskan logs has been so great our stock is nearly exhausted, but more have been ordered. As they are made by Indian boys in Alaska considerable time is needed to receive returns from there, but when they come you shall have them.

1885, Dec. 12, – To Miss L. A. M. Grove, 606 Folsom Street, San Francisco, Calif.
We thanked you all in our hearts for your kind words regarding Mrs. Ashbel Green. It is hard, even now, to realize she has gone from us. But the Lord is providing in a way very remarkable. Mrs. Darwin R. James, our First Vice-President, takes Mrs. Green's place at our meetings and superintends the work in a very efficient way. Then, for the present, at least, we have Mrs. Charles E. Walker in our office and also, Mrs. W. E. Knox. Their help relieves me of much responsibility. I cannot but praise the Lord for His goodness.

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. C. E. Walker

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1885 - Dec. 12 - To Mrs. A. L. Boyd, Bland, Ohio.
Your card about Life Membership Certificates is at hand. While the question of certificates has been under advisement for some time we have none as yet for the Woman's Executive Committee. However we do issue the Life Membership Certificates of the Board of Home Missions to those applying for them when the required amount, thirty dollars, is paid at one time. Mrs. E. R. Perkins your Synodical President has secured several Life Memberships and we have issued the above certificates.

1885, Dec 14, To - Mr. Charles G. Blatchley, 308 Market St, Philadelphia, Penna,
If you can train the children under your care into such continuance in well-doing as you practice yourself what a grand point will be gained. We hear through Mrs. Gregory that you accept Miss Alice Hyson, of Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico, as your representative. We are much pleased. As to payments, Miss Hyson's commission dates from September 16th, and her salary is due her upon the receipt of her quarterly reports December 16th, - March 16th, - June 16th, and September 16th.

1885, Dec. 15th - To - Rev. T. C. Kirkwood, D.D., Colorado Springs, Colo.
At the regular meeting of our Executive Committee yesterday, I was instructed to write to our Synodical Superintendents asking them to send a <u>Quarterly Report</u> of the schools and their needs to the Woman's Executive Committee, also that these reports shall cover during the year all schools under their supervision, to aid us in our work of providing for the needs of our schools.

1885, Dec. 17, To - Rev. R. B. Chapin, Freeport, Long Island (Letter written by Mrs. W. E. Knox)
Your Sunday School Missionary Constitution is particularly satisfactory to me. It would be strange if everyone approved and seconded your efforts. The money for logs and bricks might be sent with the other but please state just the amounts given for them. We like to know how our special efforts succeed.
I am preparing some little histories to explain stereopticon slides on Home Missions. We shall rent the entire outfit, lantern, curtain and slides with explanations for $5.00 for each exhibition, and express charges one way. Something of this sort should please your people and give them much instruction. All entrance fees beyond $5.00 could go into your fund for Home Missions.

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. Chas. E. Walker.

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1885 - Dec. 7 - To - Rev. M Phillips, Mora, New Mexico

The receipt of your letter reminds me that I was instructed to write that we cannot insert directions for transportation over the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad to Mora in the Presbyterian Home Missionary, as we think it is unwise to place the information thus freely in the hands of societies for various reasons, especially as our Executive Committee desire that all work assumed by societies shall be given to them by this office and shipping instructions must be issued from here.

To avoid complications, confusion, and serious misunderstandings all the needs or wants of this work must be reported here first, and we will provide for them through application to our societies. In the meantime, if bands or societies apply to you, please send such applications to us with such ~~such~~ requests as you wish made to them, and we will at once attend to the matter if it is not already receiving attention in other societies. Otherwise, complications must arise. Needs cannot be met from two points so widely separated without mistakes for which we are held responsible.

If you will look at the December issue of the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" you will see that Day Scholarships at all points except Salt Lake are $25.— per year. This has always been the amount, and refers wholly to pupils in our Day Schools or in Boarding Schools for pupils who are day pupils and are not boarding at the schools. These Day Scholarships are planned to meet the desire of Mission Bands and Sunday Schools for smaller sums than Boarding School Scholarships, but are not designed to cover food, clothing, etc., of the pupils assigned to them. They are intended to cover an average proportion of the expense of maintaining these schools.

In the same issue of the "P. H. M." you will see a list of Boarding Schools and scholdrship rates determined upon. The amount for Mora is stated there as $75.— per year. That hereafter must be the amount. Where you have assigned scholarships at $70.— we must abide by it until the beginning of a new year with the societies. Scholarship money must be sent to our treasurer here at the New York office, and all bills for school expenses must be paid here. We have presumed that you understood all of this before.

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1885, Dec. 17 – To Rev. M. Phillips – continued.

another point. – Upon conference, we have decided to ask each teacher, or head of a mission school, to send us a list of pupils, numbered, with ages given, also a statement as to whether they are supported or unsupported. Hereafter all scholarships must be assigned from this office, from lists supplied by our teachers. Boarding and day pupils should be placed on separate lists, and carefully numbered. When a scholar has been assigned we will notify the school from which a half yearly letter will be sent for a Day Scholarship, and a quarterly letter for a Boarding Scholarship.

Can you send to me soon a full, up to date list of all scholarships in your school taken by societies, stating by whom taken? Then give us also a numbered list of all scholars unsupported, continuing the numbers consecutively from the first list. If pupils receive partial support by parents as you have mentioned, please indicate the amount against their names. Miss Dyer has left us owing to illness and I am attending to her duties. The adjusting of this scholarship matter seems difficult, but I hope to hear from you soon, and that we shall be able to widen the interest in the work for Mora.

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1885, Dec. 19 – To – Rev. Dr. R. S. Rust, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Written by Mrs W. E. Knox)
The Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church have been informed that the Women of the Methodist Church have a small map showing the illiteracy of the United States. If so, we would like to know on what terms we could secure 1000 copies, without note or comment, or any mission stations marked. On what terms could we have the plate, stamp or die from which the maps are made? We would like a copy for examination.

1885, Dec. 19 – To Miss Mary Clemens, Maryville, Tenn. (Written by Mrs. W. E. Knox)
Fourteen teachers are wanted in Idaho and others in various places. The only obstacle is lack of money. Perhaps you can do something for us where you live. Suppose you try to see how many people you can get to give one penny-a-day for thirty days, Keep a list of their names, at the end of thirty days calle in the funds; go to those who do not respond and collect what they have to give. Many churches are trying this plan. If all churches will do it and all Presbyterians would send in a penny-a-day for thirty days we could build all the school houses, and send all the teachers the times demand.

1885, Dec. 21st – To – Mrs Charles Robinson, Bloomington, Illinois (Letter by Mrs F. E. H. Haines)
I write to give you a special and warm welcome to the office of President of the Woman's Synodical Committee of Illinois.

1885 – Dec. 21, To – Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Titusville, Penn. (Letter by Mrs. C. E. Walker)
About salaries! – Yes we do really want the salaries pledged. It helps. It is not a "special object" as the Board uses the term. Both salaries and scholarships forward the work greatly. I want to ask your help now for one "*special*" that is all right and urgent too. But for the debt it would not *be* a "special." We want $600.– to pay for property purchased by one of our teachers in an emergency. It is the school property at Antonito, Colorado, valuable *very* and important to the work. Miss Lexia Barlow is the teacher. She made one payment of $100.– from her salary, and one of $250.– borrowed. Now there are two notes of $250.– each as well as interest. Dr. Kirkwood's endorsement of the matter is enough to prove its worthiness. His supervision of our schools in Colorado and New Mexico is so wise thorough and just; we all trust him who know him, and I have known him for years.

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1885, Dec. 23 — To — Beard and Kimball, Chicago, Ills. (Written by Mrs. W. E. Knox)
We have frequent calls for the leaflet, Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box. Would you be willing to reprint it with our imprimatur upon it? a prompt reply will greatly oblige —— (Mrs. W. E. Knox)

1885 — Dec. 23 — To — Mary A. Carll, Babylon, L. Id., New York. (letter by Mrs. C. E. Walker)
I am sorry to tell you, at present we have but one school for the needy people of the southern mountains at Whitehall Seminary, Concord, North Carolina. Miss F. E. Ufford, Principal, Miss Glover and Miss Ainsworth are the three teachers there whose support has not been promised by any societies. Is it your wish to simply do sewing for the school, sending a box or bbl when ready, or do you have funds that you wish to appropriate? The latter can be done by assuming the support of one of the teachers, or by taking a scholarship there. It is sad that among our own people in this Christian land so many veritable heathen are to be found.

1885, Dec. 23, To — Rev. Luke Dorland, D.D., Concord, North Carolina. (letter by Mrs. W. E. Knox)
Miss H. E. Harrison of Waynesville, Haywood Co, North Carolina has applied to us for Christmas help, also for a situation as teacher under our care. If you know anything about her, will you please write us definitely as to her ability, qualifications, character, health, and skill as a teacher?

1885, Dec. 24, To — Mrs. D. Stuart Dodge, New York, (ne' Miss Elizabeth Boyd) Letter written by Mrs W. E. Knox
The question arises here: Is there more than one school established among the "poor whites" South, under one auspices? I am requested to ask you to inform us.
So far, pro bono publico: now, a word personal. I expect Minnie this afternoon from Wellesley to spend one week with me. I want her to meet you and Mr. Dodge. We shall be at home, that is, 26 W. 15 th Street, Saturday evening. Could you come to see us then?

(This "Mr. Dodge" was later Rev. Dr. D. Stuart Dodge, President of the Board of Home Missions,) and Miss Boyd, who became his wife was sister to Mrs. Pratt who in later years did remarkable work, promoting the progress of missions in the southern mountains in memory of her beloved sister.
(note by S.C.R.) 1946.

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1885 – Dec. 26 – To – Mrs. C. H. Langdon, Elizabeth, N. J. (Letter written by Mrs. Emily Baker)
At the last meeting it was decided that Mrs. Walker should have
charge of the Missionary Box work. Will you therefore give her name
rather than mine when referring correspondents to this office?
Being a member of the Executive Committee Mrs. Walker is considered
to be in charge of this work, although I shall continue to do it.

1885, Dec 29th, Miss Abbie F. Williams, St. Augustine, Florida. (by Mrs. E. M. Knox).
Your interesting letter of December 26, is just received. I think, for a little girl
only seven years old it is exceedingly well done. Have you calculated
what a large space in the log school house your $2.50 will fill? I am
quite delighted that one little girl has raised so much money. Why,
my dear little girl, we could build all the school houses we need,
not in Alaska only, but in Arizona, New Mexico, Indian Territory, Utah,
Idaho, Dakota and in other states and territories if all the little children
would do as well as you. May God bless you, my dear, and permit
you to do many things for his poor, neglected little ones, scattered here
and there all over our fair land.

1885, Dec. 29 – To – Mrs. J. G. Beemer, 124 Buena Vista Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
There are several places in New Mexico, Utah and Southern Colorado
where new school houses are needed, or present ones need
enlargement. At one school in Taos Valley they have fifty children
crowded into a small, old house that is so delapidated it is
neither comfortable nor safe. With $500.– they could refit and
enlarge it so as to double the size of the school. The children
are waiting for room so they can enter. The Romish priests
are afraid of the influence of our schools and do all they can
to prevent the children from attending, but many will go,
and so would many more if there were room.
One teacher wrote that we could form no idea of the filthy
condition of the children when they first come. She scrubs
them, cleanses their hair and plaits it, and teaches them
the use of knives and forks and spoons. They eat with their
fingers, sitting on the ground, when at their miserable homes.
The have to be taught how to wash and iron their clothes,
as well as to read and write. Some letters we receive are pitiful
in their appeals. God bless those who help them to better lives
and good instruction.

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1885, Dec. 29, To – Mrs. R. H. Allen, Pittsburgh, Penna. Box 258.

Not positive that our list of teachers among the Freedmen is complete I send the list of names as we have them, asking that you will make it complete and correct. We need a perfect list so that money for salaries can be credited correctly on our books. We are supposed to have good memories but a list at hand for reference will save time.

The list as we now have it is as follows—

Miss H. A. Henn,	Point Coupei,	La.
Mrs. L. A. Ritz,	Nottaway, C. H.,	Va.
Mrs. S. J. Neil,	Amelia Court House,	Va.
Miss A. C. Carpenter	" "	Va.
Miss J. M. Robb,	Hendersonville,	No. Car.
Miss J. H. McCoy,	Muskogee,	Ind. Territory
Miss Carrie Elder,	Wheelock,	" "
Miss B. L. Ahrens,	Lukfatch	" "
Miss A. M. Ralston,	Mayesville	South Car.
Miss J. M. Lytle	Gainesville,	Florida
Miss C. E. Crowe,	Concord,	North Carolina

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. Chas E. Walker.

1885, Dec. 28, To Mrs. S.A. Carter, 230 Bushkill St. Easton, Pa.
What we do we must do quickly. The work is very urgent. Time is too precious, too important to be lost.
The Jesuits are opposing the work of both missionaries and teachers among the Spanish speaking people, and the Indians in New Mexico, more bitterly and openly than ever before, while it seems to be a crisis almost on the Mormon field. Neglect of our work there now, means the rapid growth of rank infidelity among those Mormons who are led to apostatize.

1885, Dec 28, To – Miss Alice Robertson, Muskogee, Indian Territory
I am at work again on this vexing matter of scholarships. The final conclusion is that all scholarships shall be given out from this office, based on lists of numbered pupils sent us by the teachers, and that, if possible, the matter be made plain to societies that Day Scholarships do not feed or clothe the children, but simply meet the school expenses, making it possible to provide for as large a number of pupils as can be accommodated. Boarding Scholarships are, of course, designed to cover actual expense per pupil. I do not need to tell all this to you, but I do want a list of your pupils, boys and girls, separate, with ages, Indian and English names if they have both, also a list of the scholars supported and organizations supporting them.

1885, Dec. 29, To – Miss Alice M. Patterson, Glendale, Ohio.
I find that some societies have assumed the support of teachers known to them personally without first corresponding with our secretary at this office. Others raise money for a teacher in charge of a school, then transfer their support to the new teacher occupying the same place, without notifying us and occasionally it happens that the name of the new teacher has been offered to another society. I would be glad to receive from you a memorandum of the teachers supported by Ohio Synod. You may wonder why we do not take it from our treasurer's books. But some societies pay only a portion of a salary, and some do not pay that until the end of the year. Consequently the record on our books is not satisfying.

1885 — December — Excerpts from letters of Mrs. C. E. Walker

1885, Dec. 30, — To — Mrs. J. Ross Mills, Rock Island, Illinois.

I was quite disappointed when in Utah last September not to visit St. George, so far away from our other mission stations, our workers there felt quite overlooked. Standing so alone they feel the isolation greatly, and they are in the midst of the strongest type of Mormonism. Salt Lake City gives faint an indication to the casual observers of the real depth and iniquity of the Mormon faith, that one needs to go to such an out of the way place, so difficult of access to see what Mormonism unhindered means. I found it would take so many days of driving to reach St. George that both time and expense deterred me from visiting St. George. I did see enough of Mormonism to gain a faint conception of the work those brave women there are striving to do in that most difficult and trying field. I wish I could tell of there cheerfulness and devotion.

From many of our teachers in Utah, Idaho and New Mexico come the repeated and urgent request, "Pray for us, Pray for me." It is only the certainty of the prayers of God's people that we can stand. Heathenism in its foundation is the doctrine of the Mormon people.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. C. E. Walker

1885, Dec. 31st — Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C.
I have delayed writing you of Miss Perley as you desired because matters have crowded upon me and I find I am not quite equal to continued work if I allow myself to hurry. With Mrs. Baker's most efficient aid however, I am making fair progress. Our dear Mrs Haines has not been as well as usual of late. Her sister's illness and death may have had some part in causing her illness.

1885, Dec. 31st To — Dr. McNiece, Salt Lake City, Utah.
By request of our Executive Committee, I write for advice or information concerning the disposition of surplus funds received from tuition after the salary and necessary expenses of the Kindergarten have been paid. Miss Dickey states it is her understanding that the Board wishes such surplus funds to be used for the Kindergarten exclusively and not for the support of the School as a whole. You probably understand the matter, and we wish your opinion before taking action. You have our earnest prayers and sympathy in these troubled times in Utah; times of great moment, grave opportunities and responsibility. I count my hurried visit to Utah last year, as one of great privilege. It taught me much, and has enabled me, I trust, to aid the work there far more efficiently and more intelligently than I could have done otherwise.